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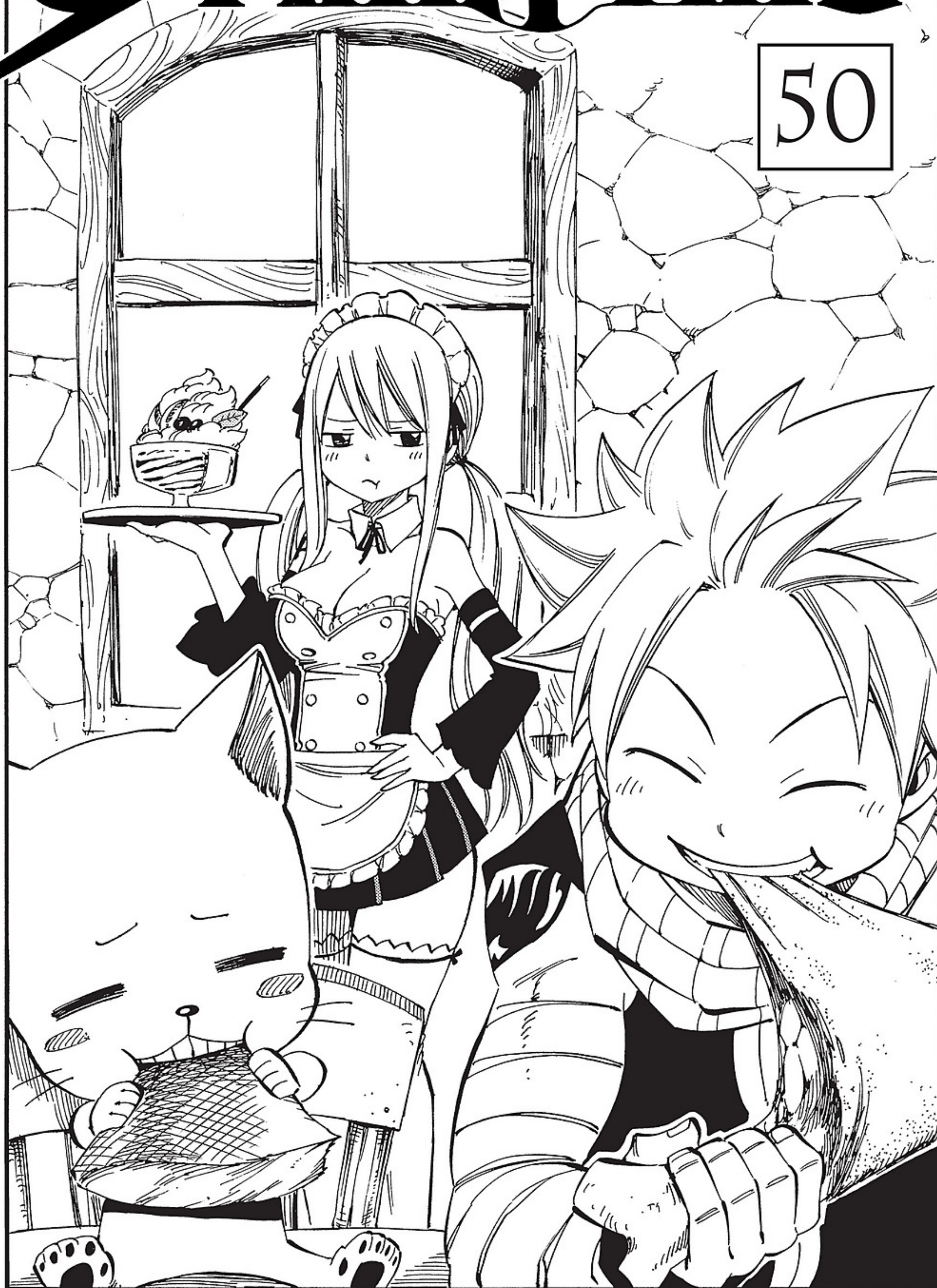
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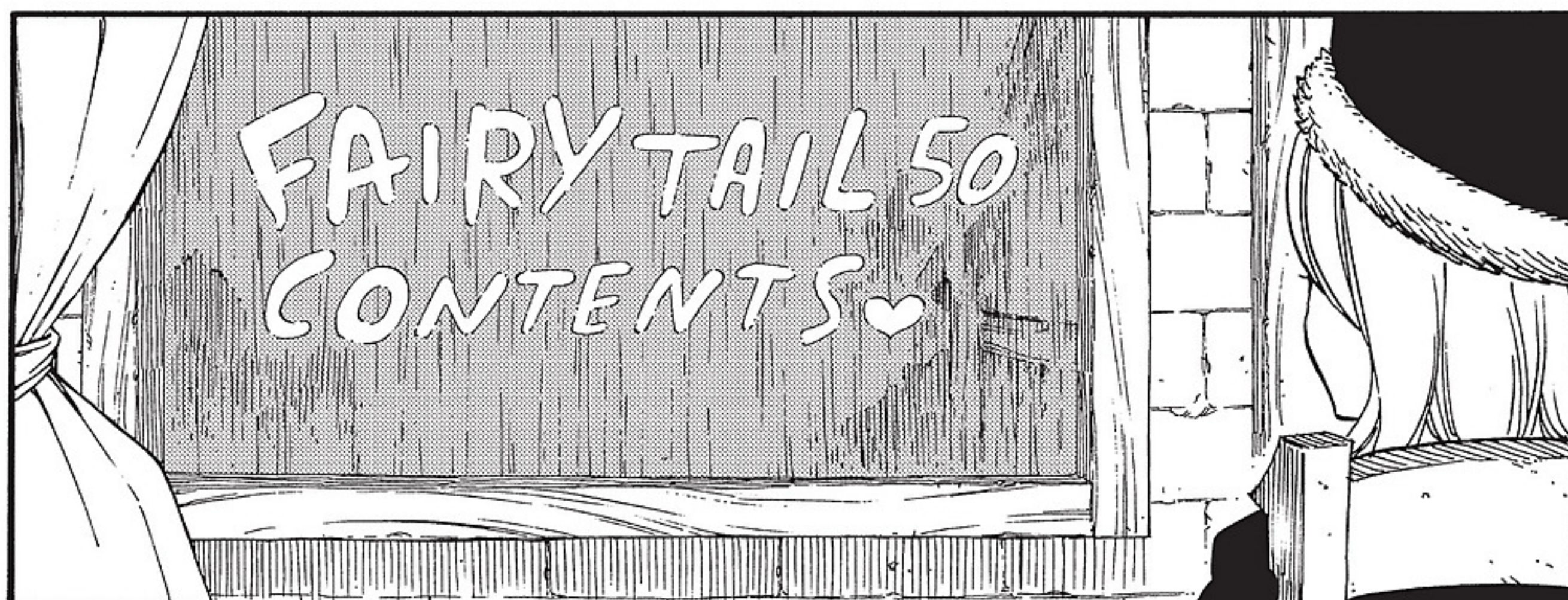
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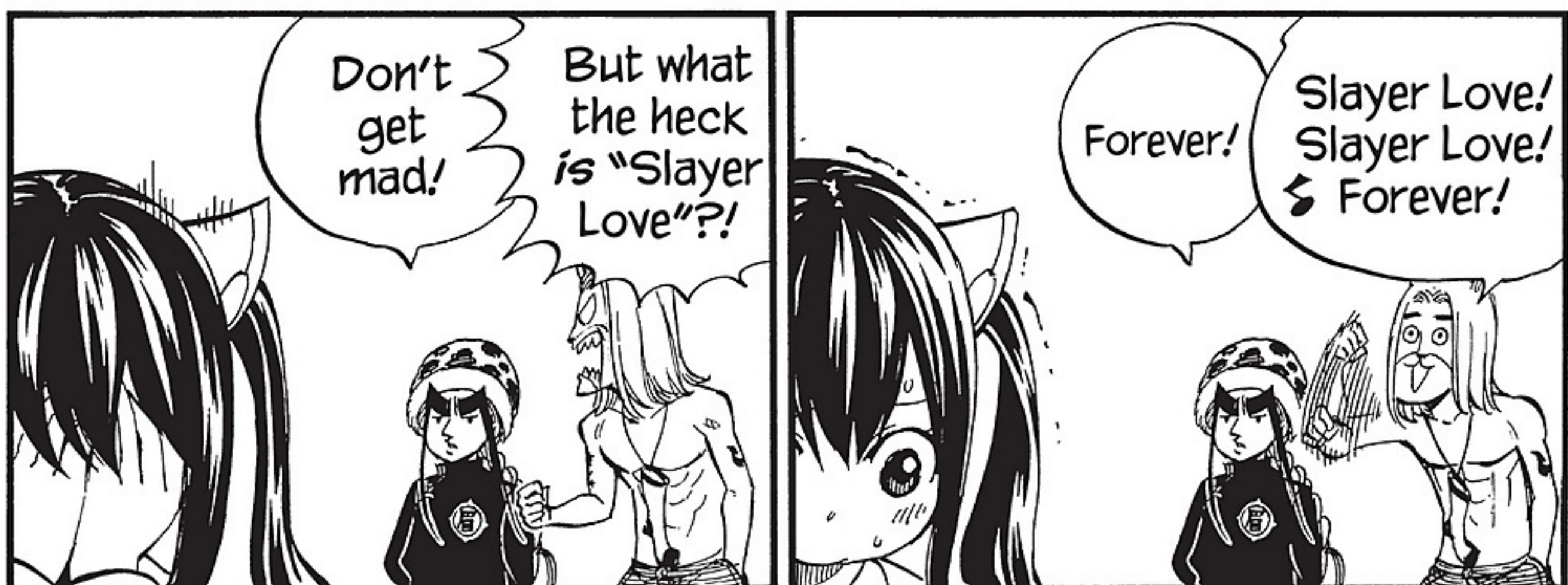
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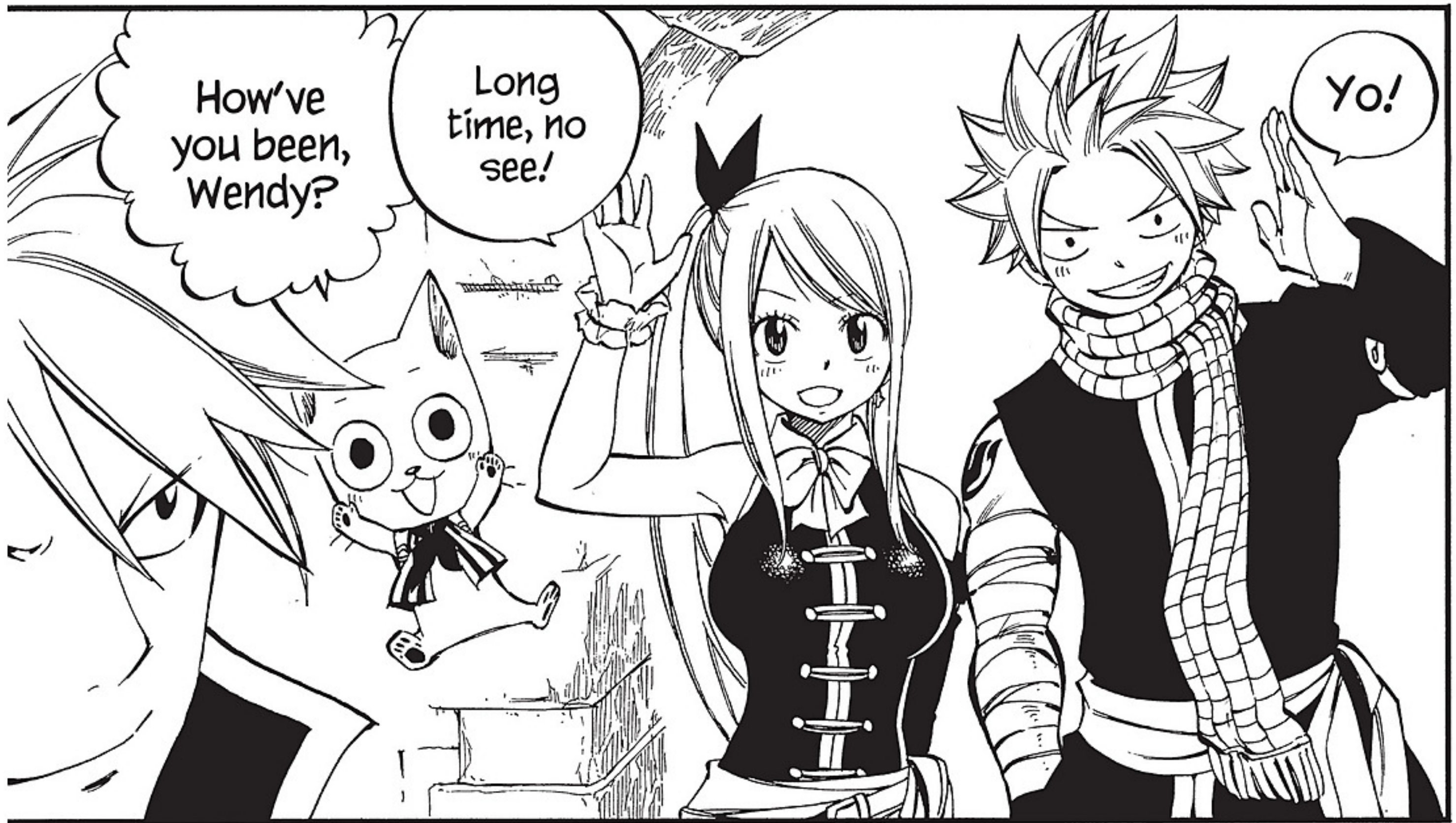
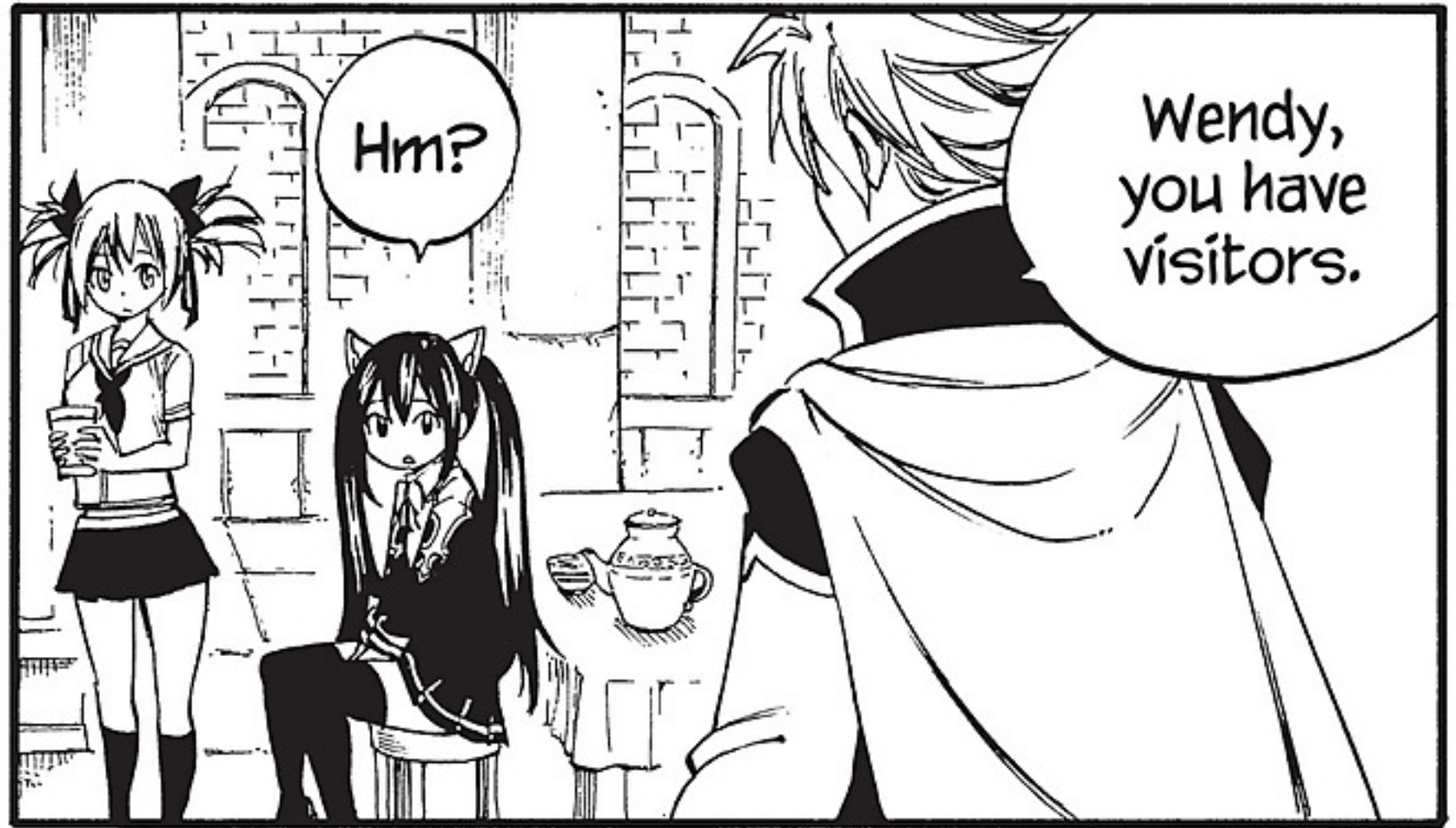
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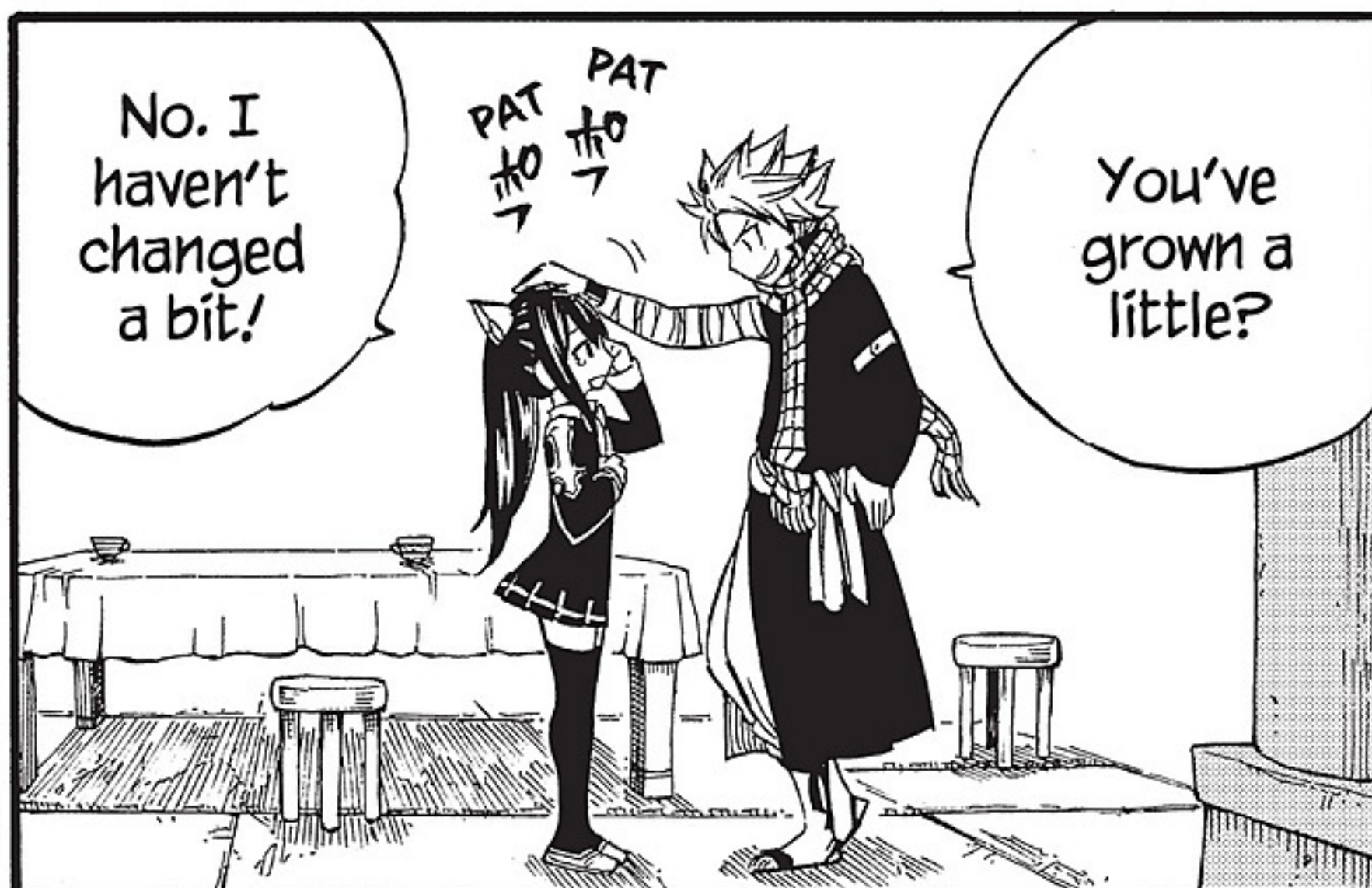
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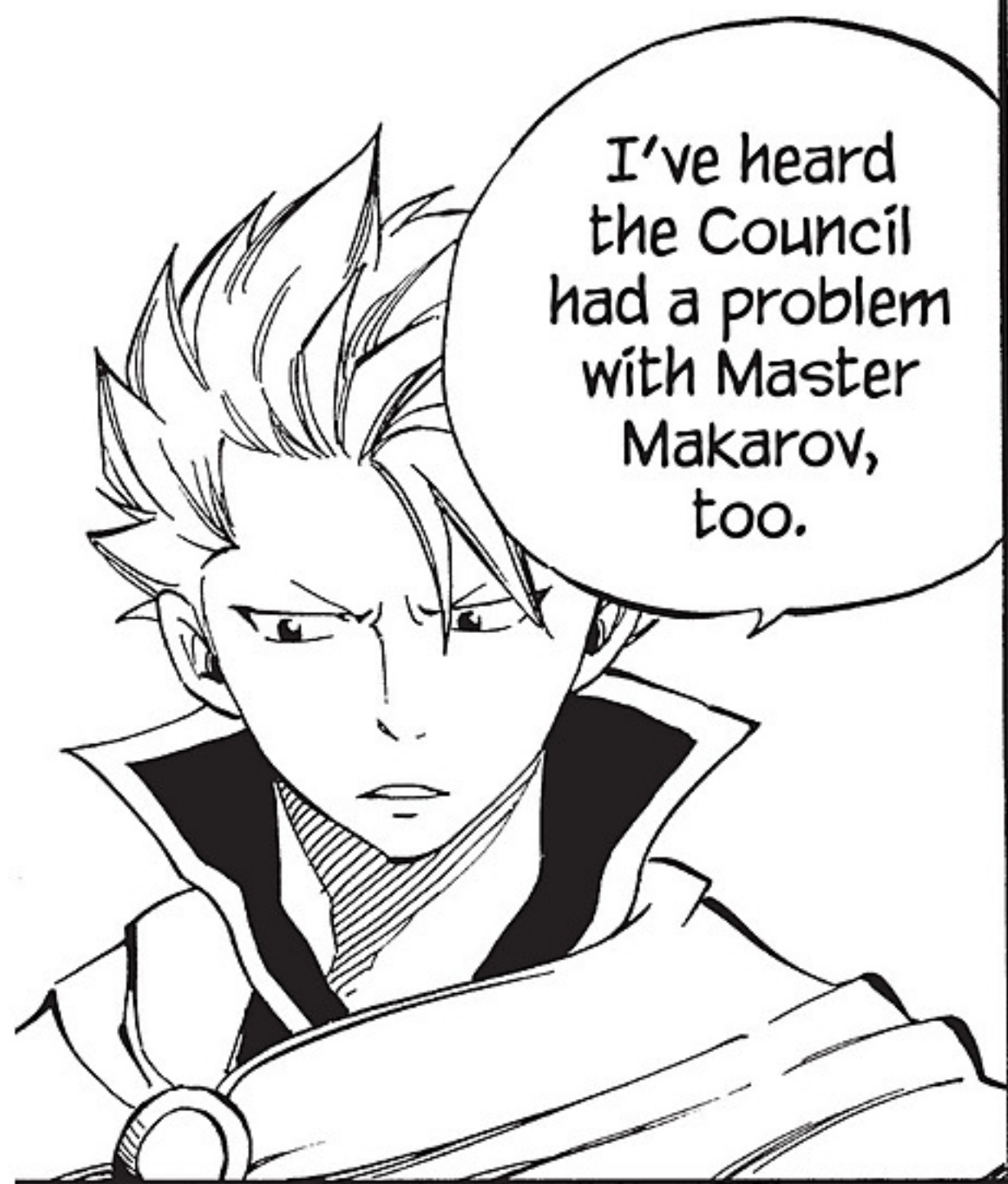
Chapter 421: Wendy and Sherria











I've heard
the Council
had a problem
with Master
Makarov,
too.



...and I'm
pretty sure that
has something
to do with why
we disbanded.

Yeah...
The master's
been missing
this whole
year...



You realize
that without
the Council, the
guilds can't
do business,
right?



Oh, yeah... You
guys were in the
mountains, so you
don't know.



Didn't
they get
wiped
out?



**The
Council
?!!**

I don't like
the sound
of that!



A council of
wizard saints?
Now *that* sounds
like a challenge!



Then the
master
joined
them?



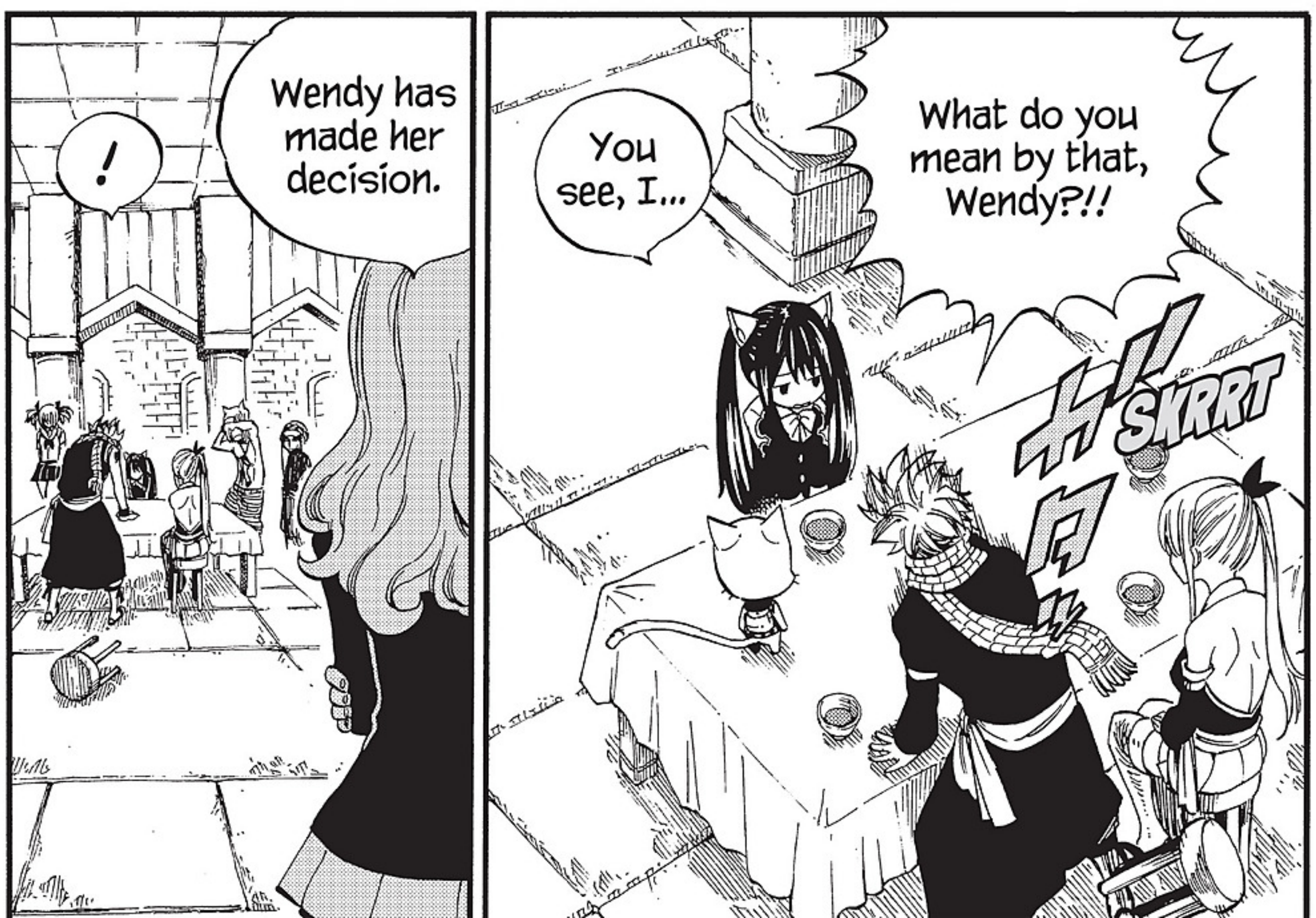
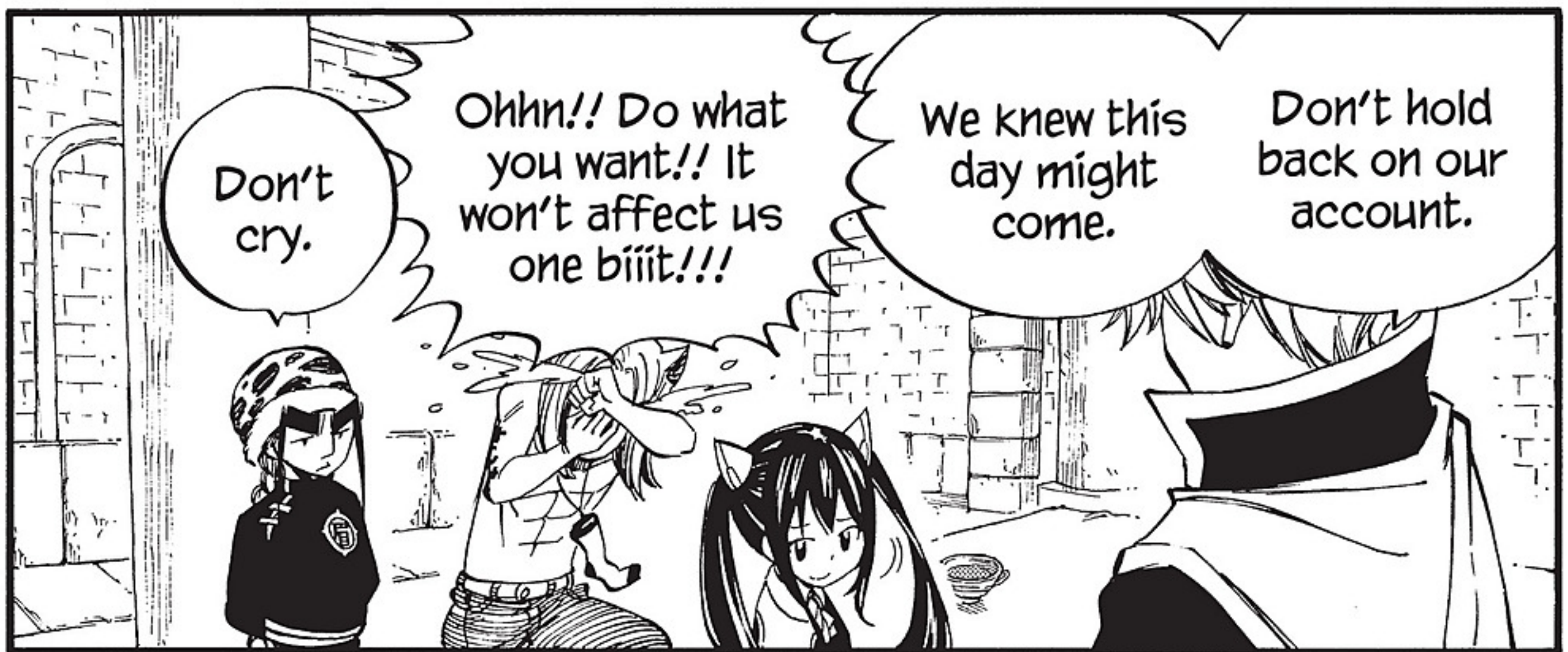
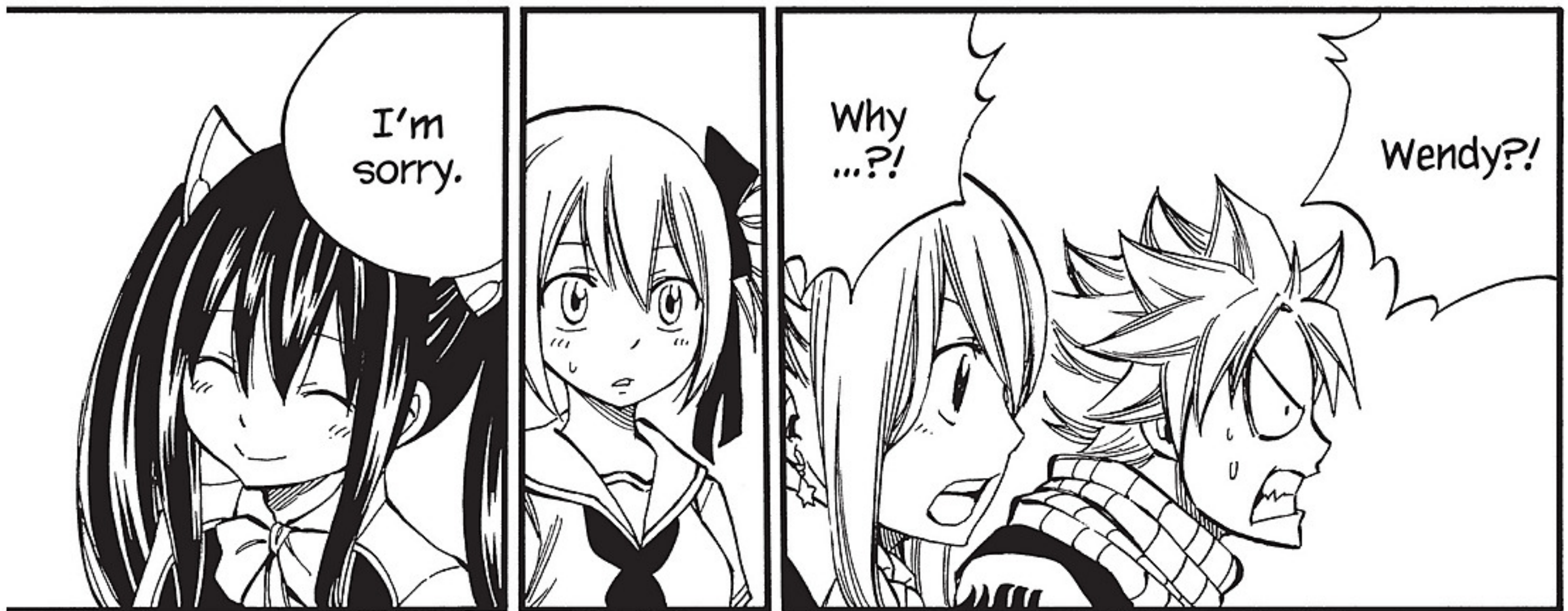
Ohhn.

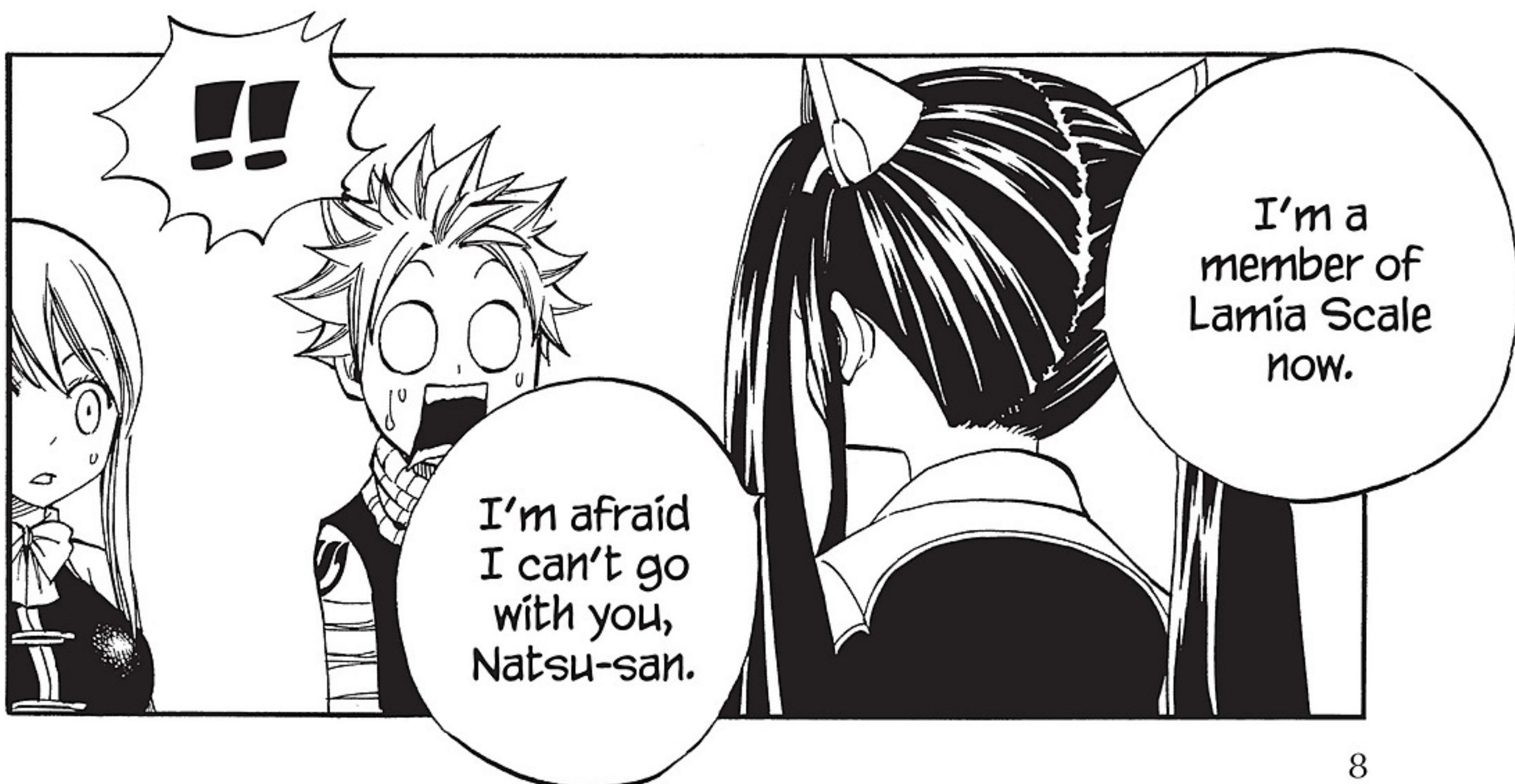
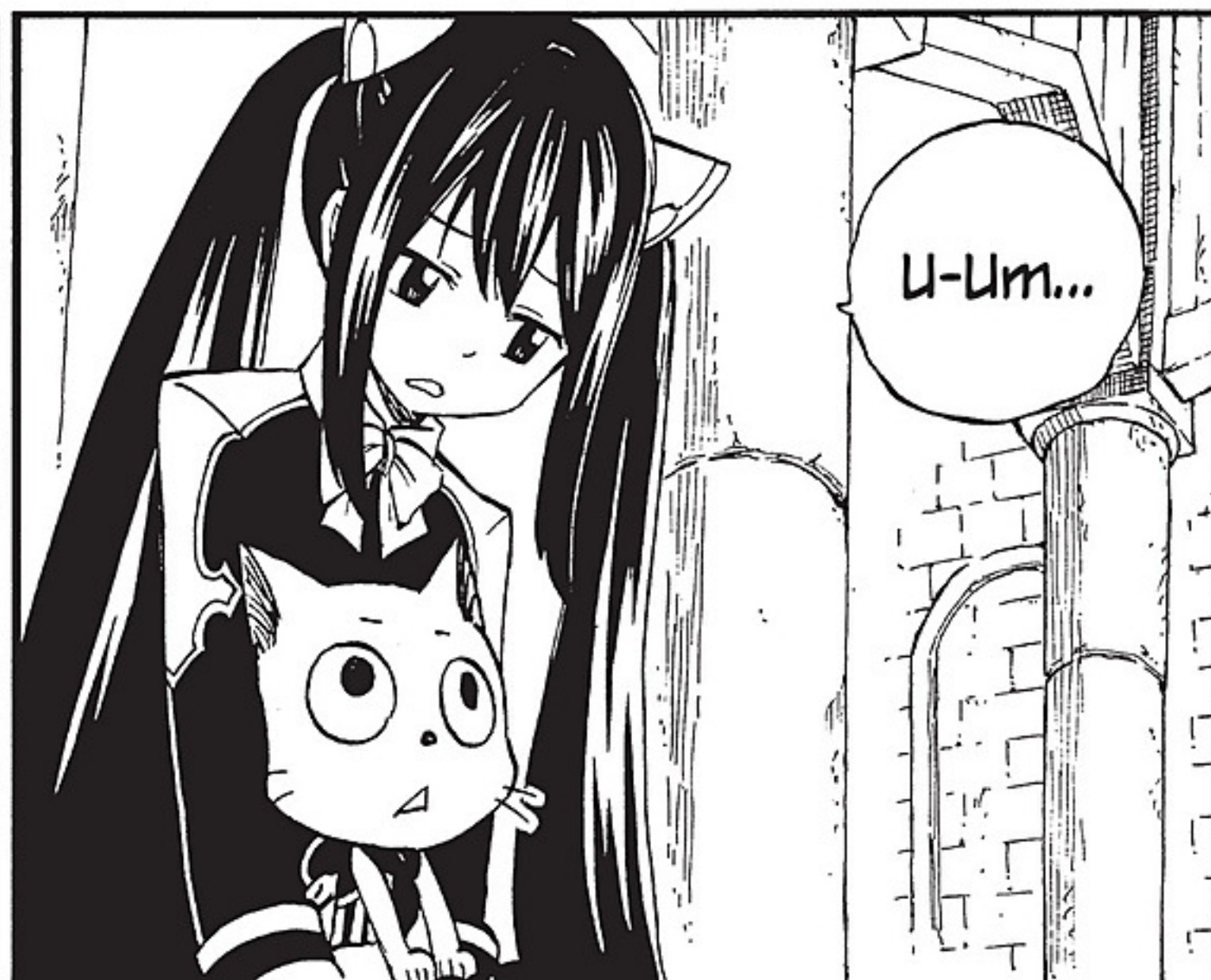
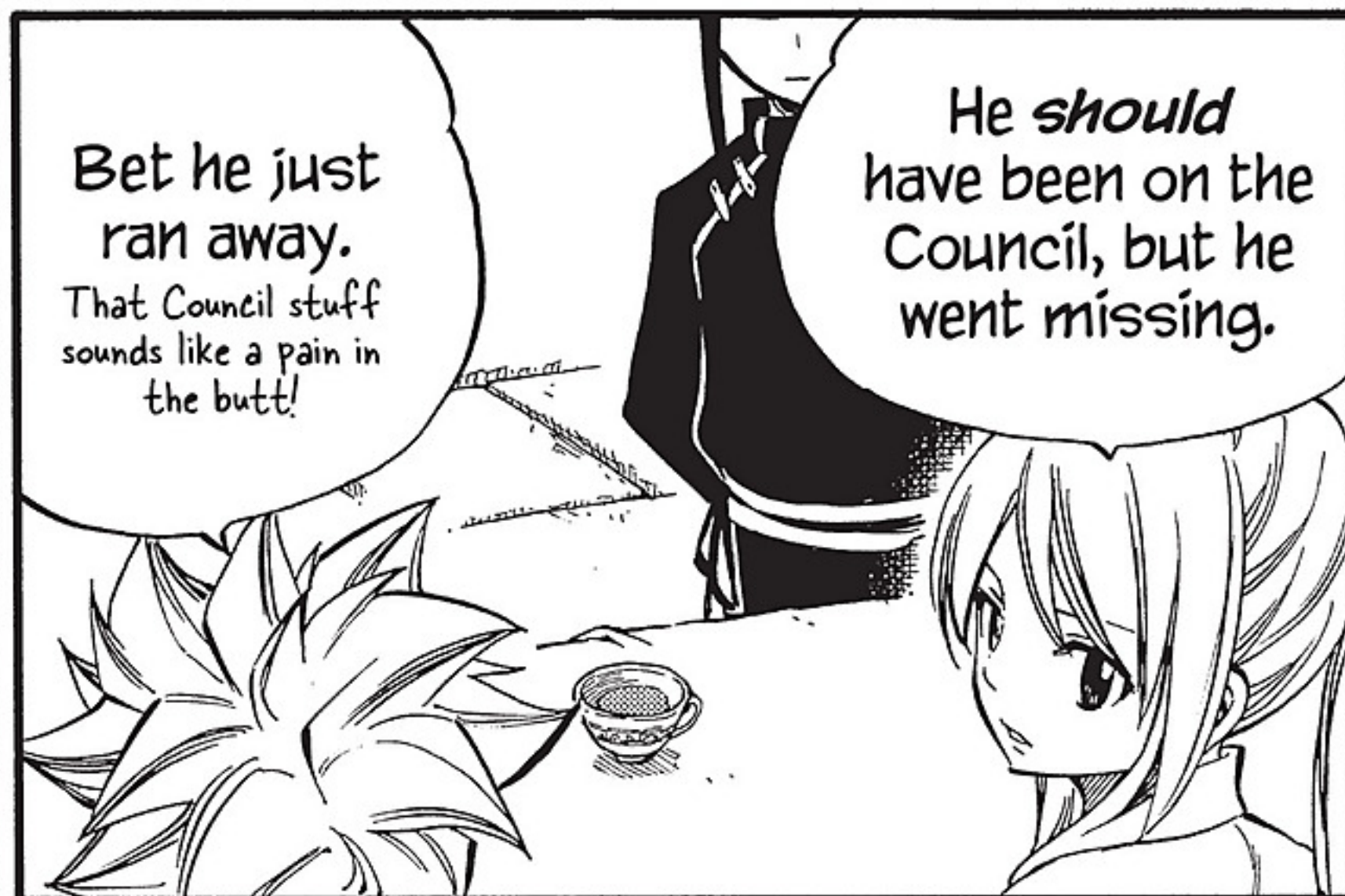


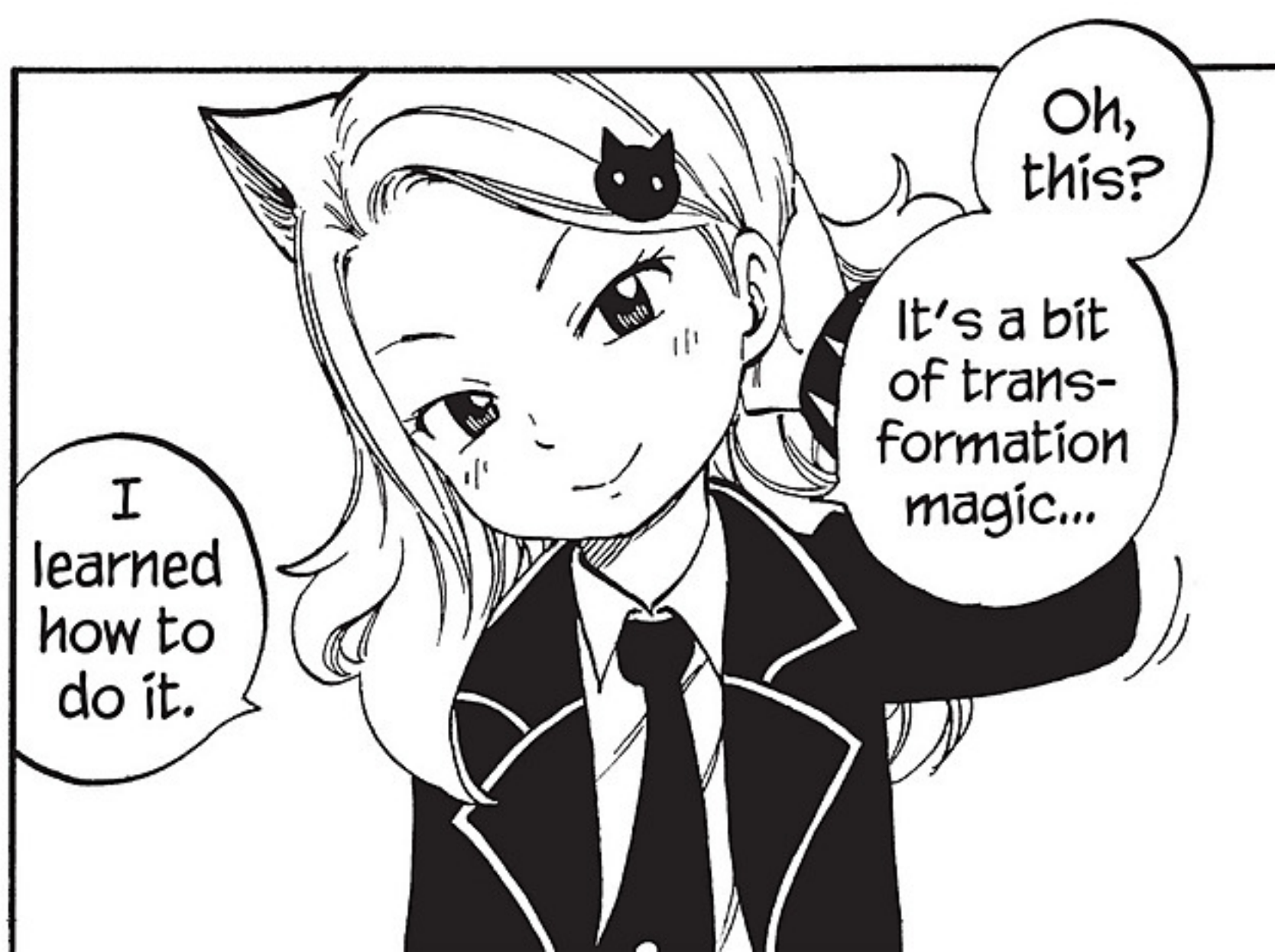
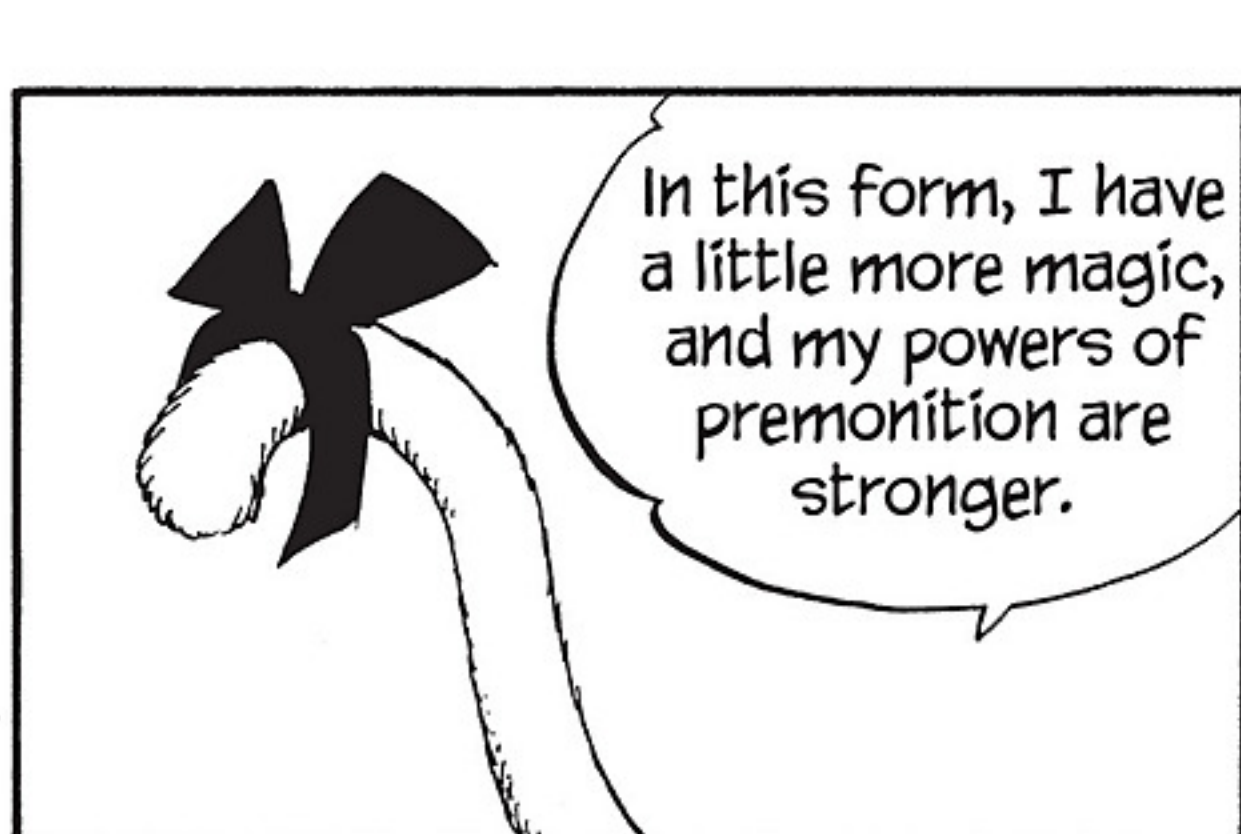
Yeah,
Jura-san
ditched
us!!!!

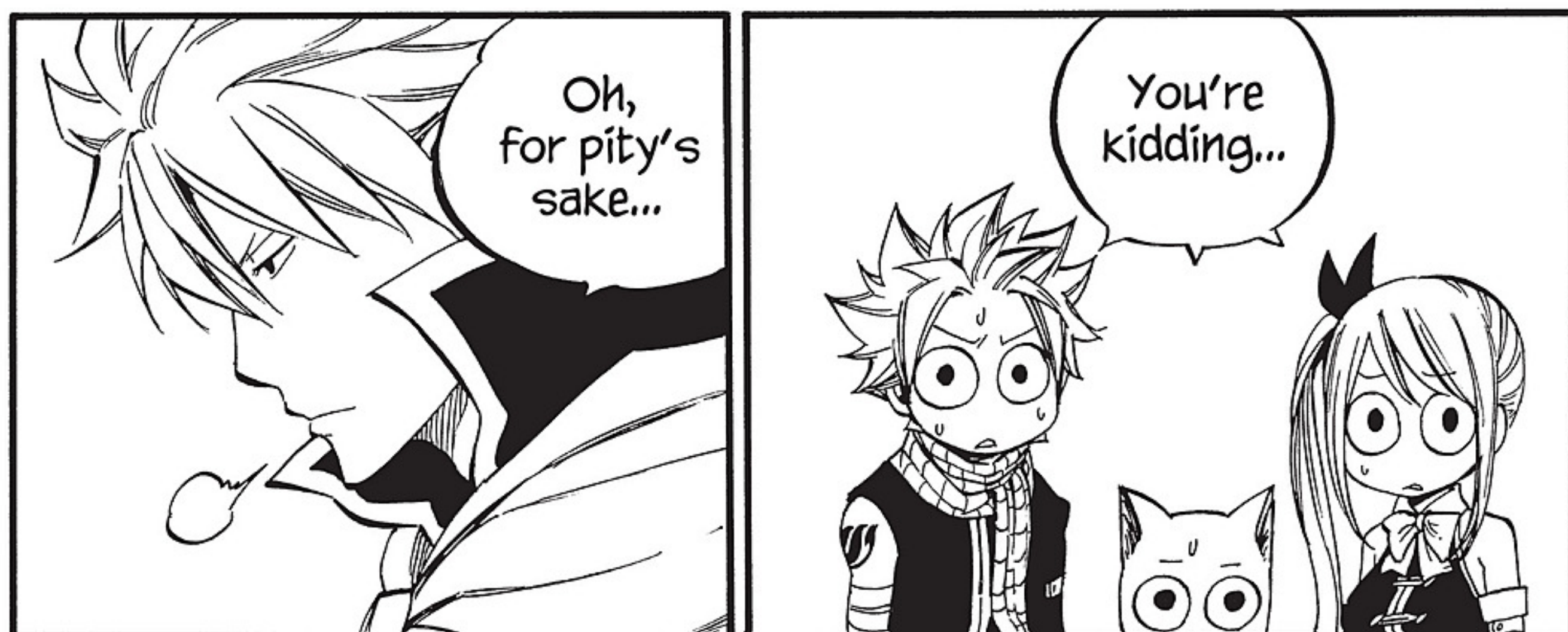
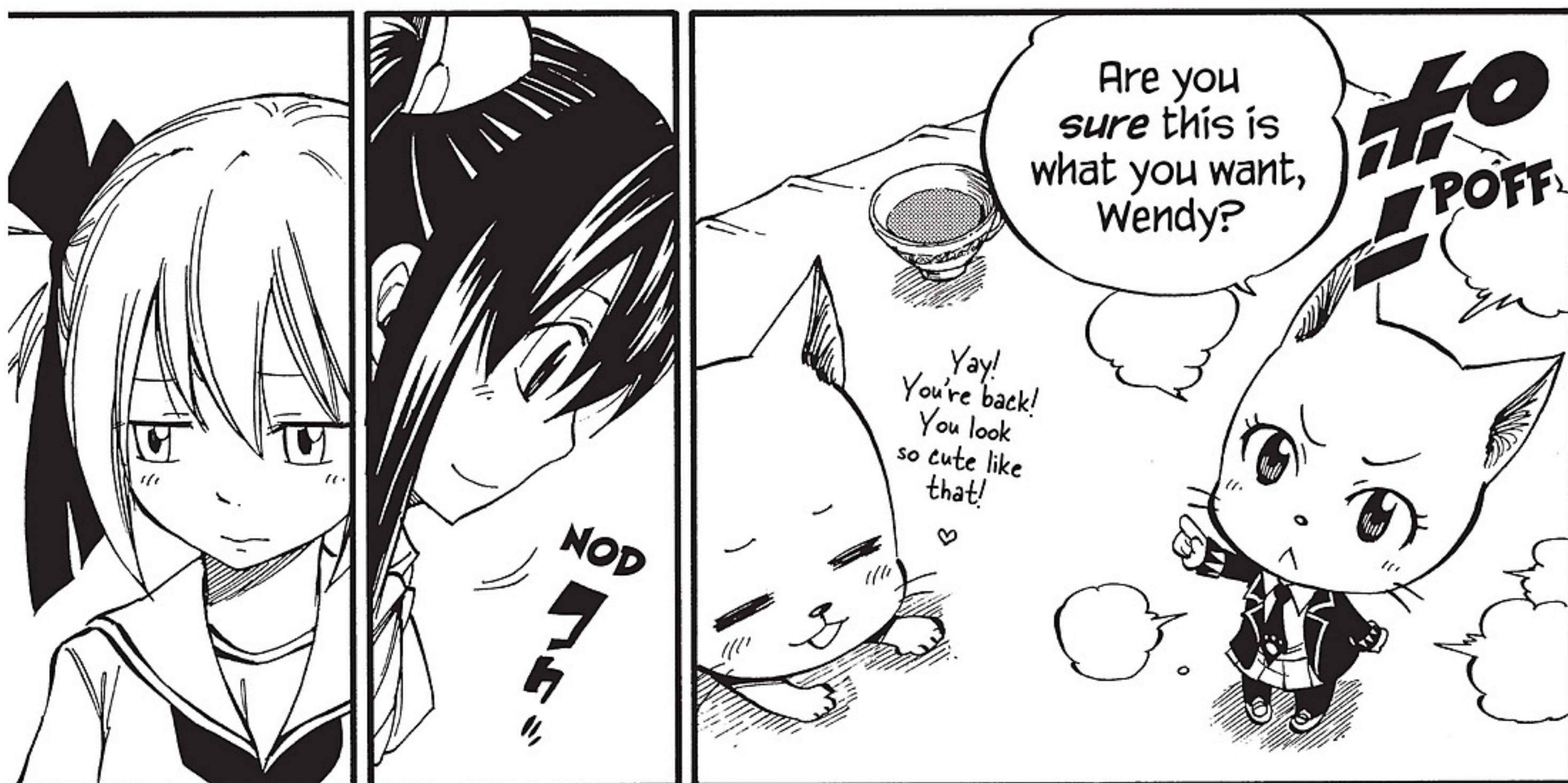
Don't
get
mad!

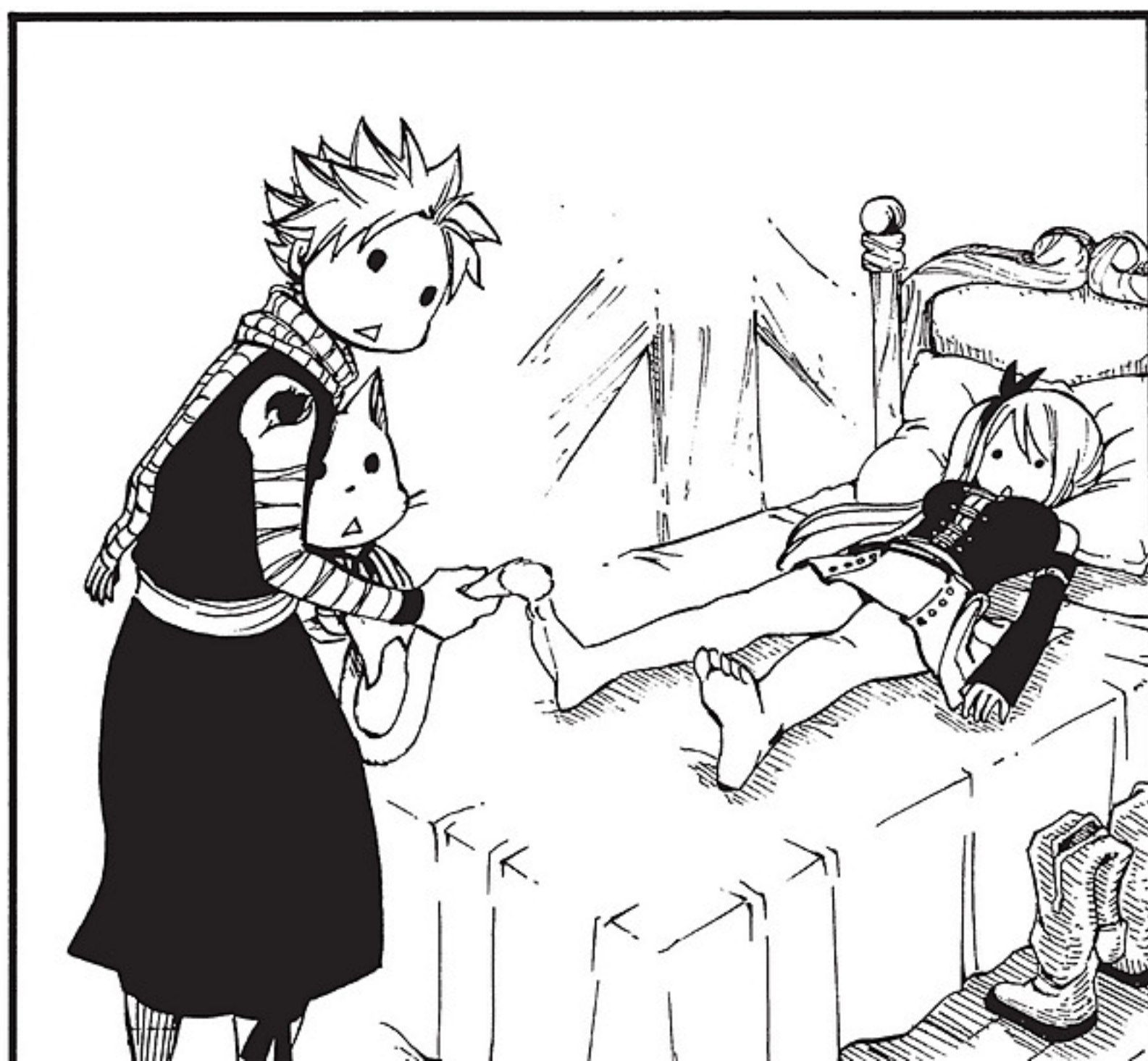
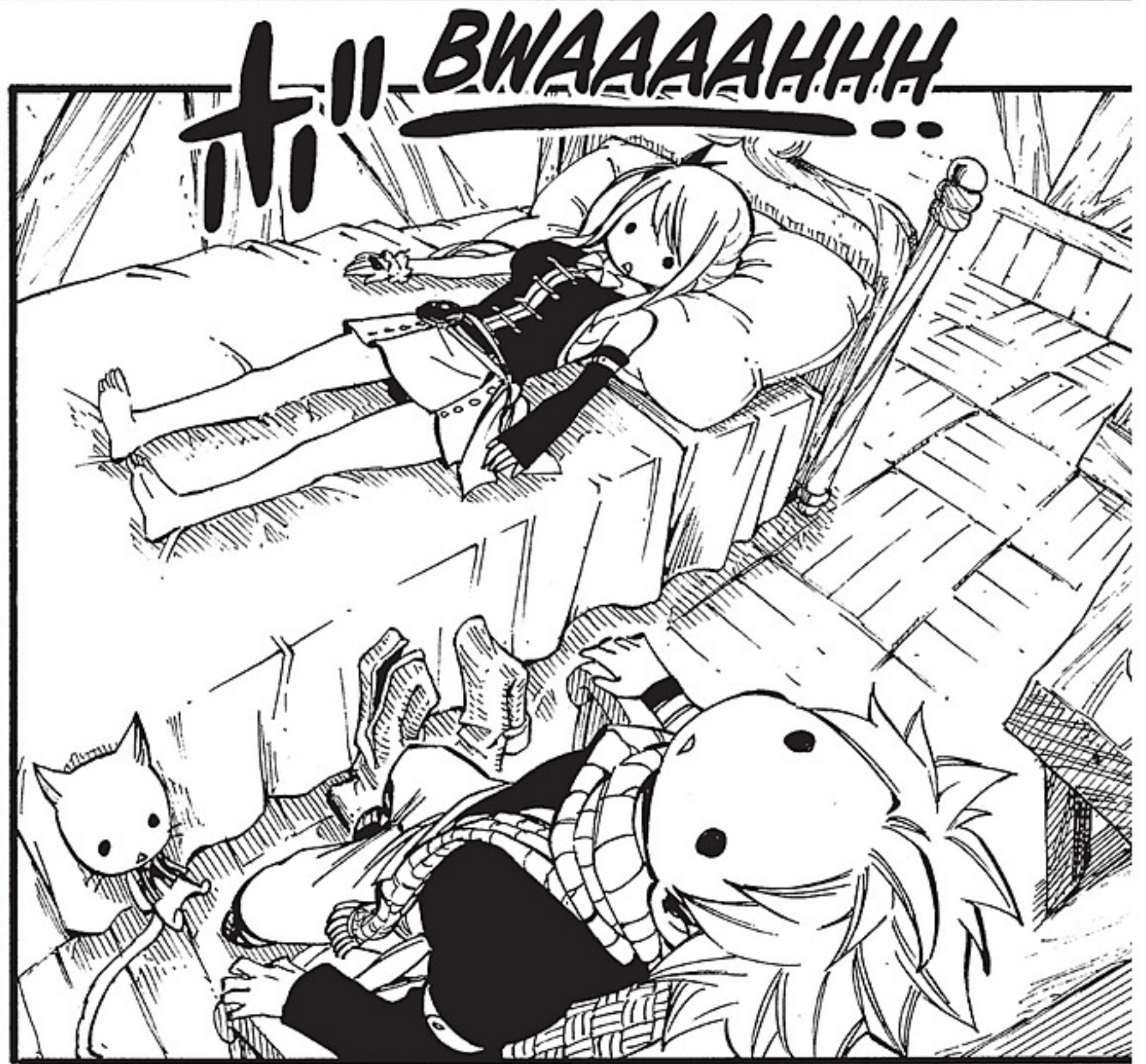
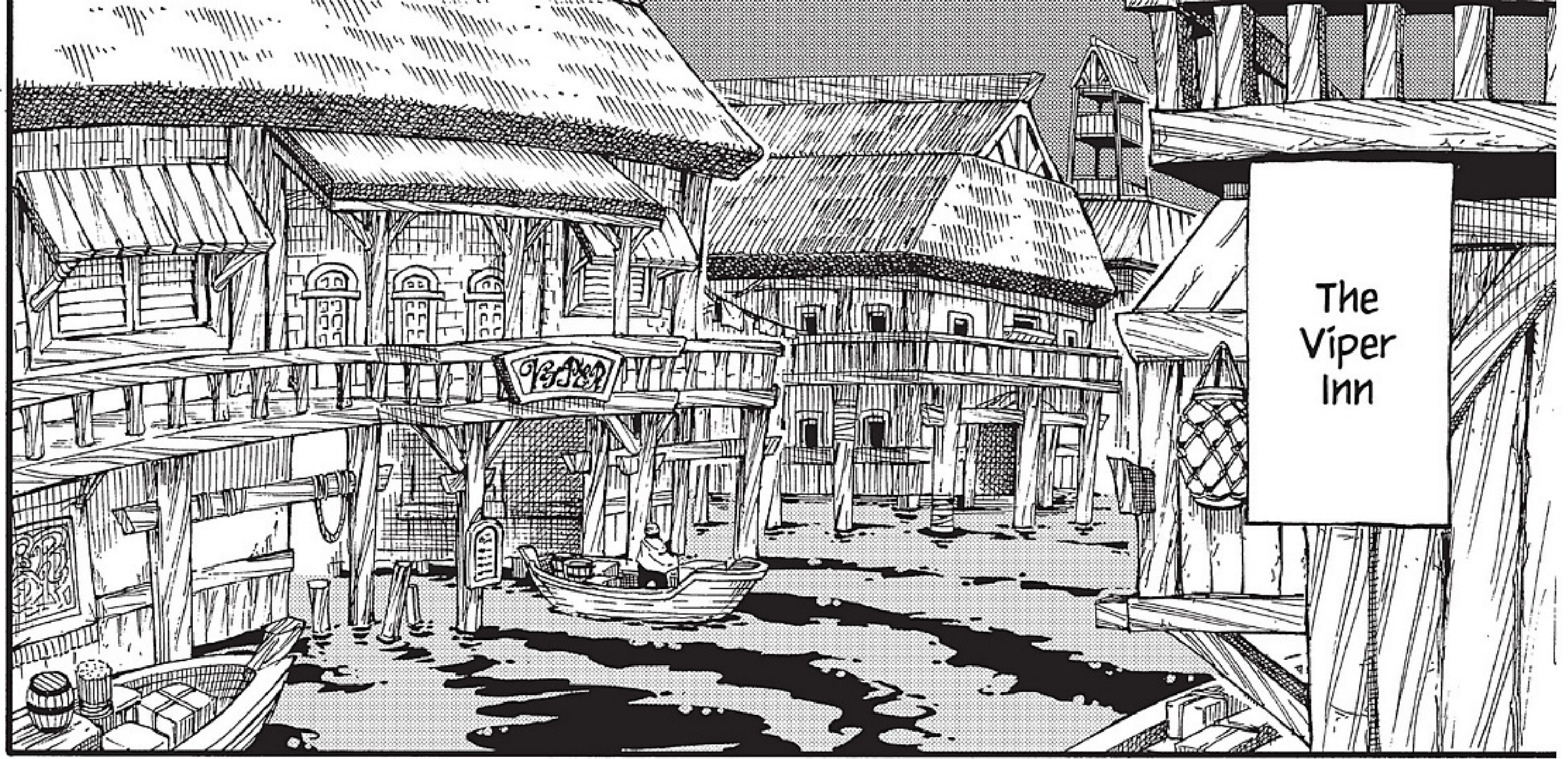
So, a year ago,
some of the Ten
Wizard Saints
got together and
reformed the
Council.

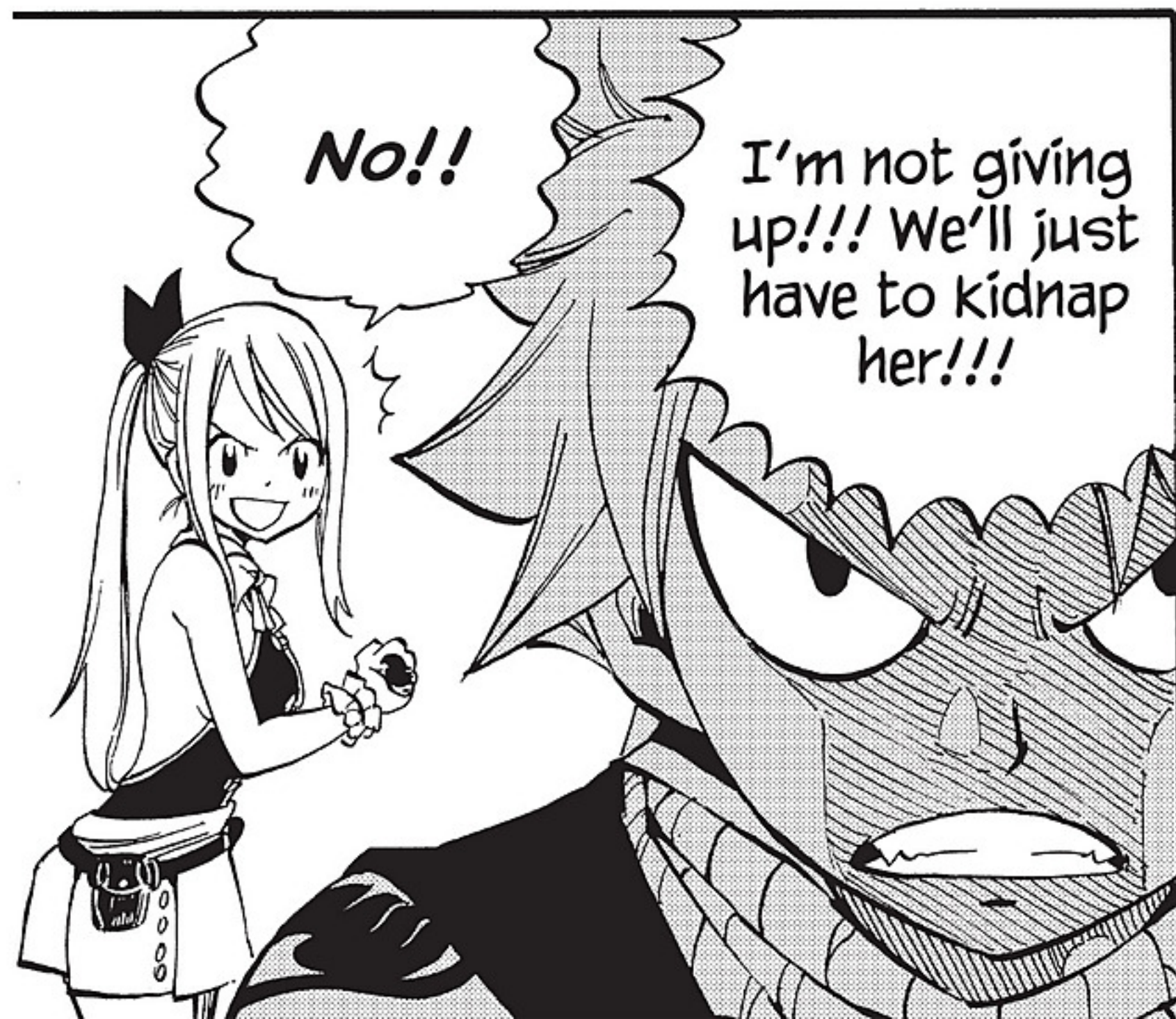
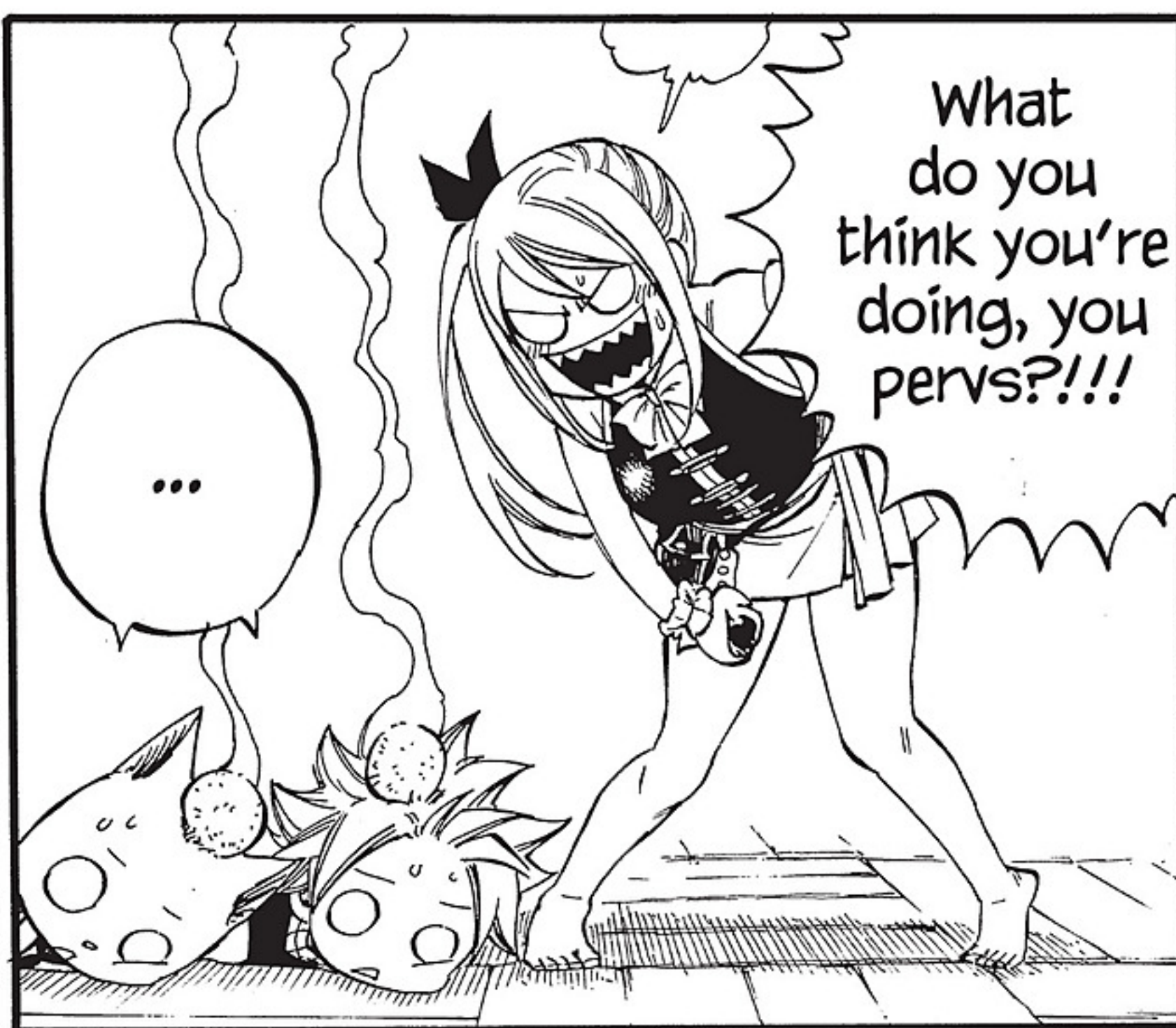


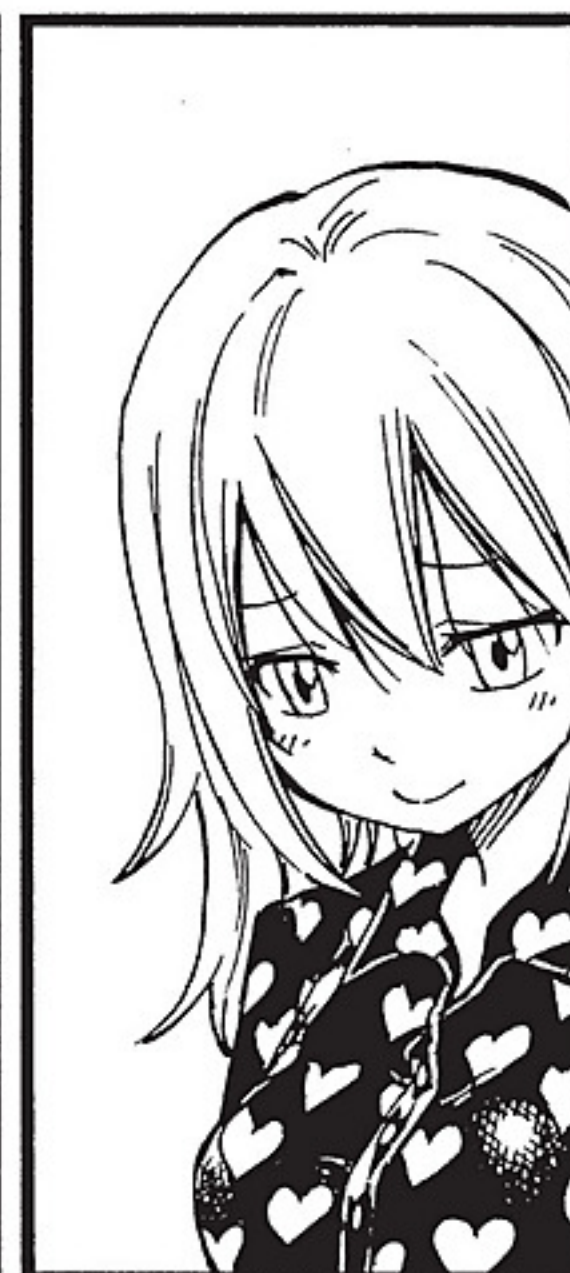
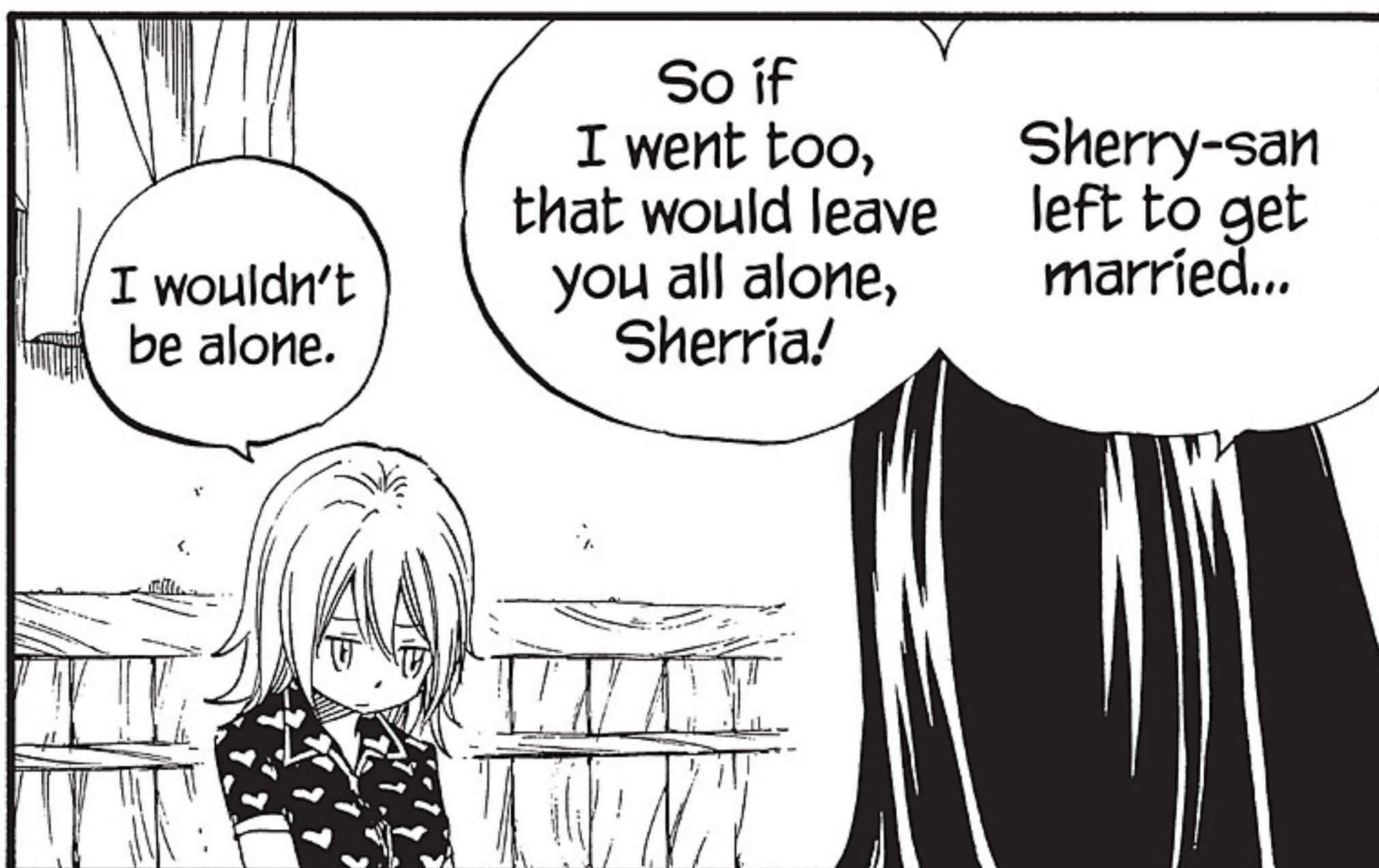
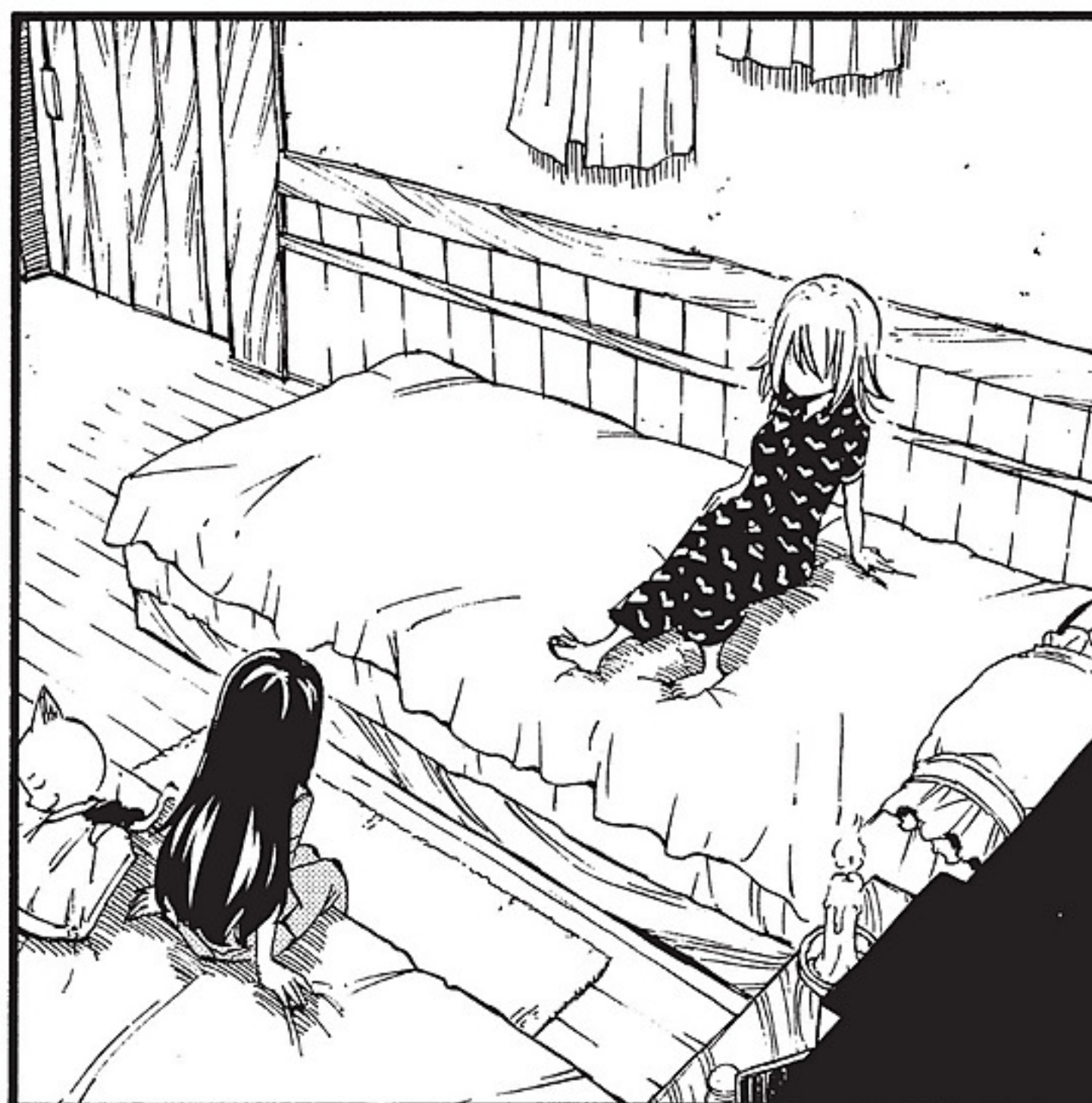


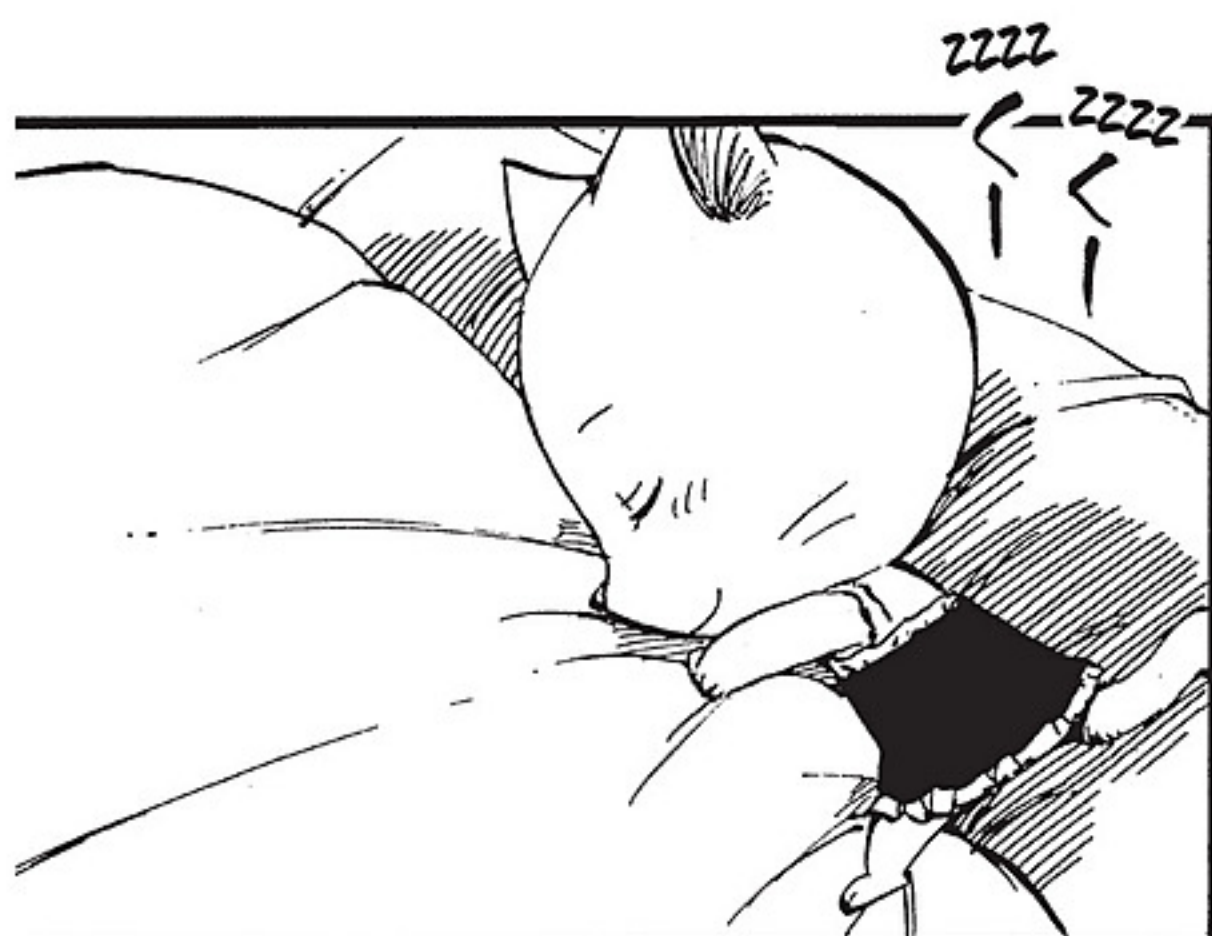
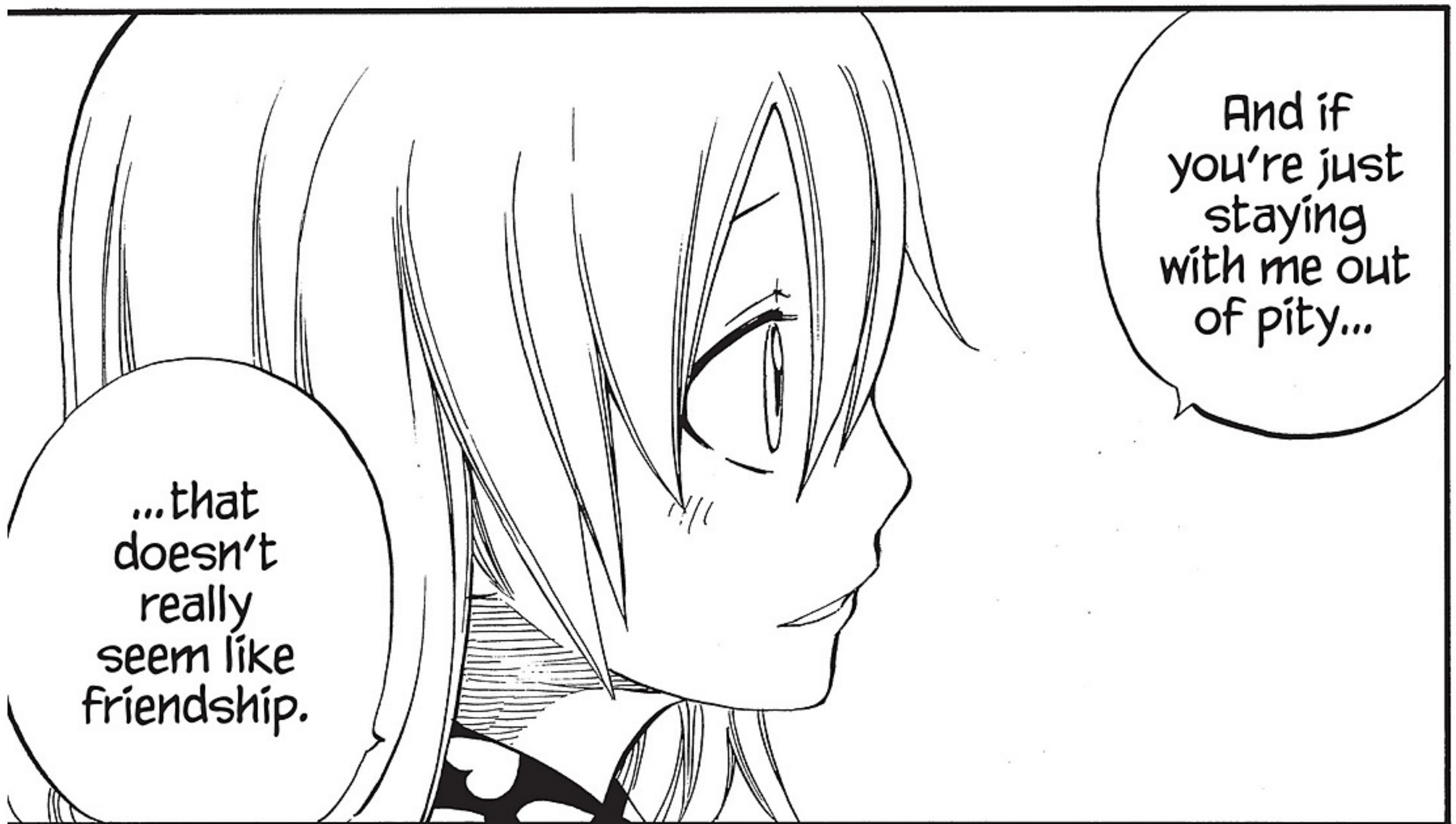
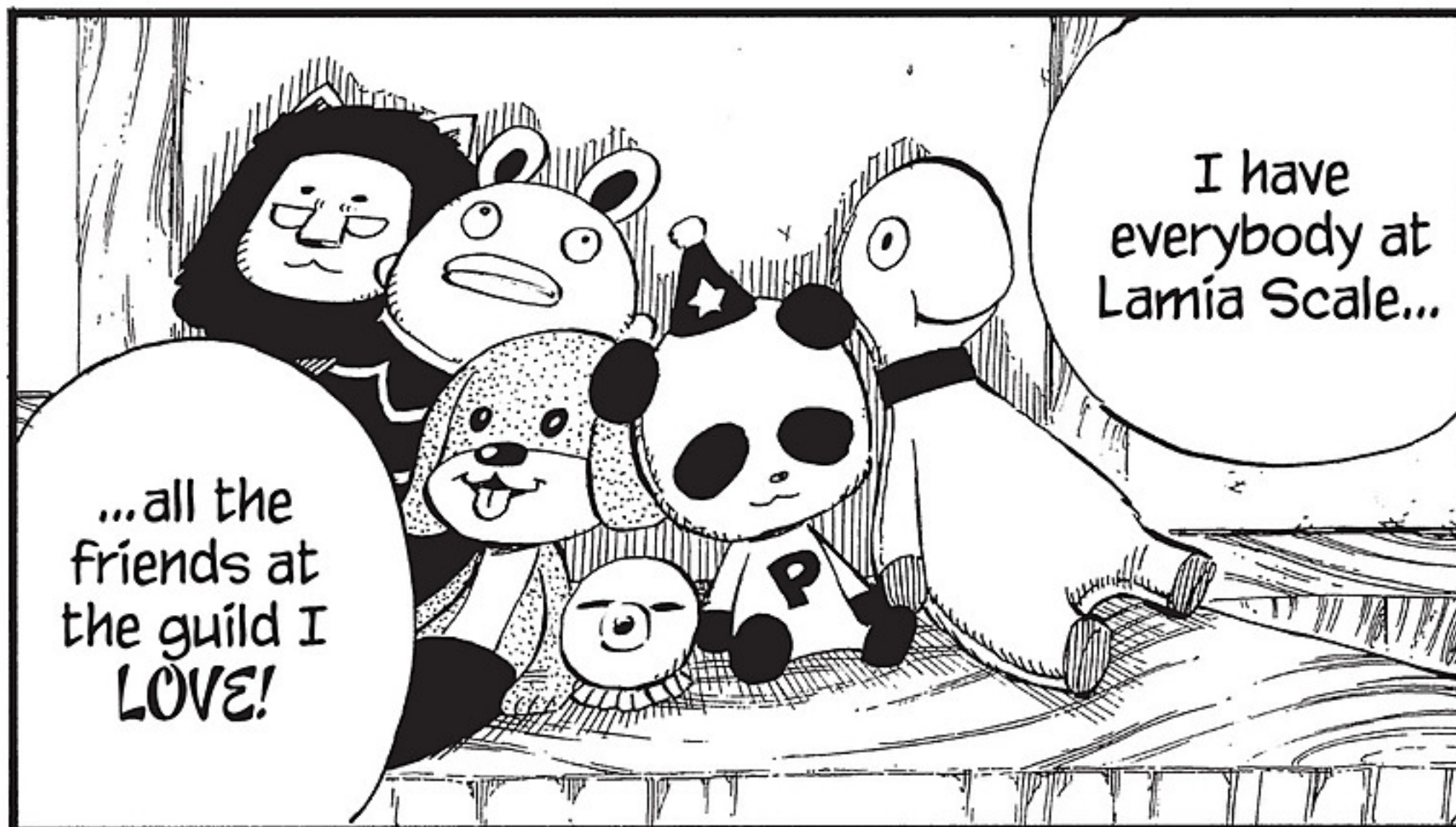


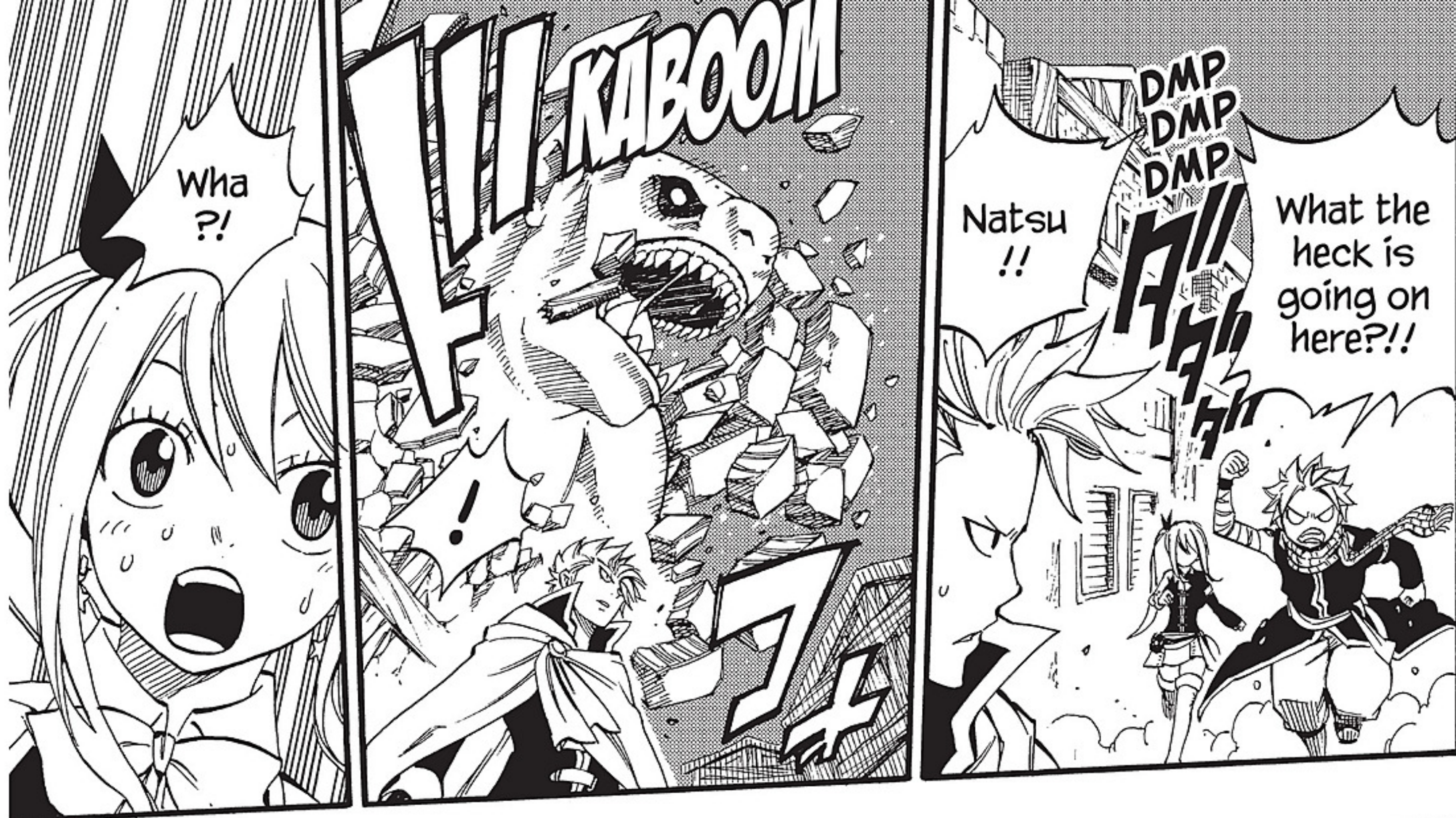












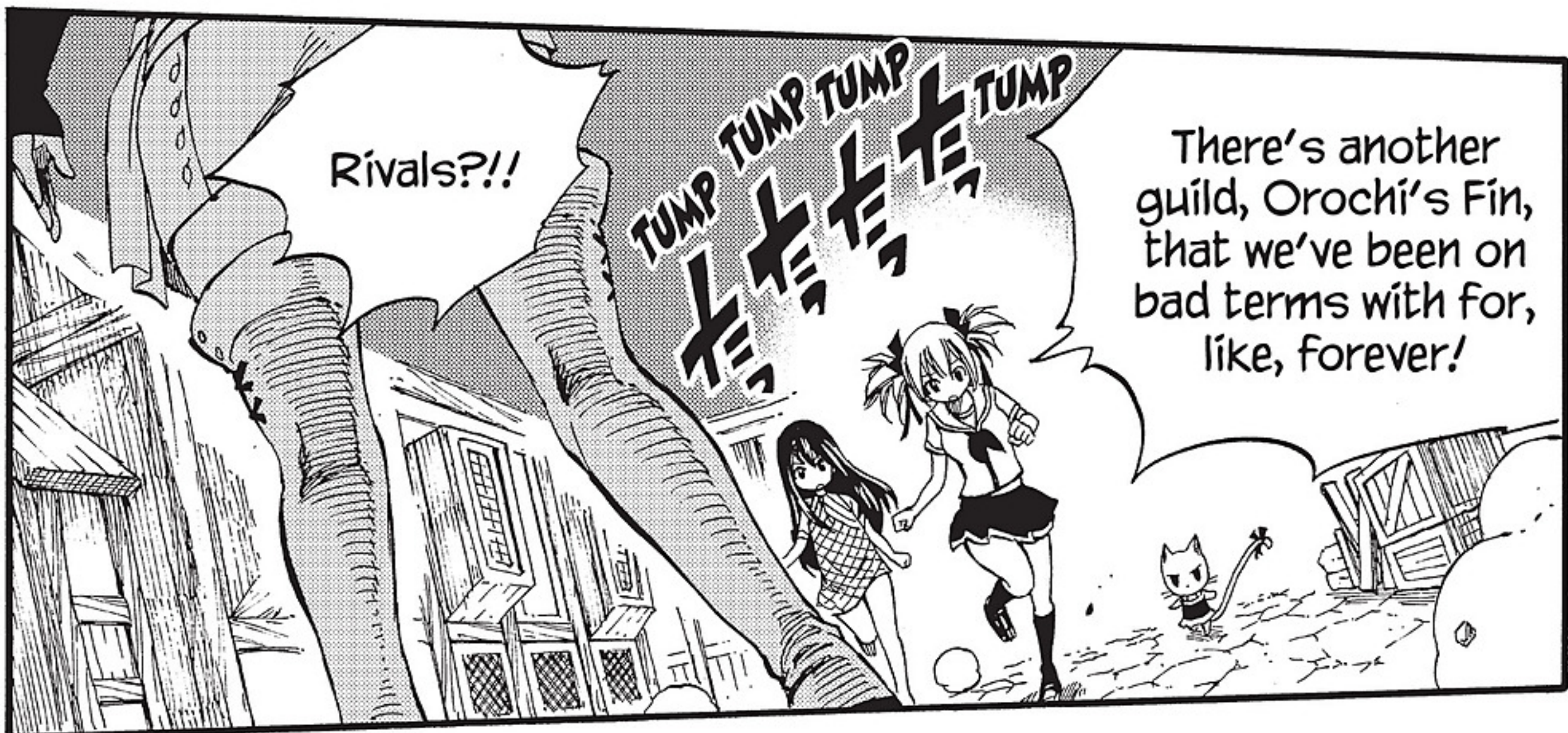


Why?!

A herd of
monsters
?!



You see that
monster? A herd
of them suddenly
attacked the
town!!



Rivals?!!

There's another
guild, Orochi's Fin,
that we've been on
bad terms with for,
like, forever!



Those
creeps...



And they
knew our guard
would be down
because of the
Thanksgiving Day
festival...



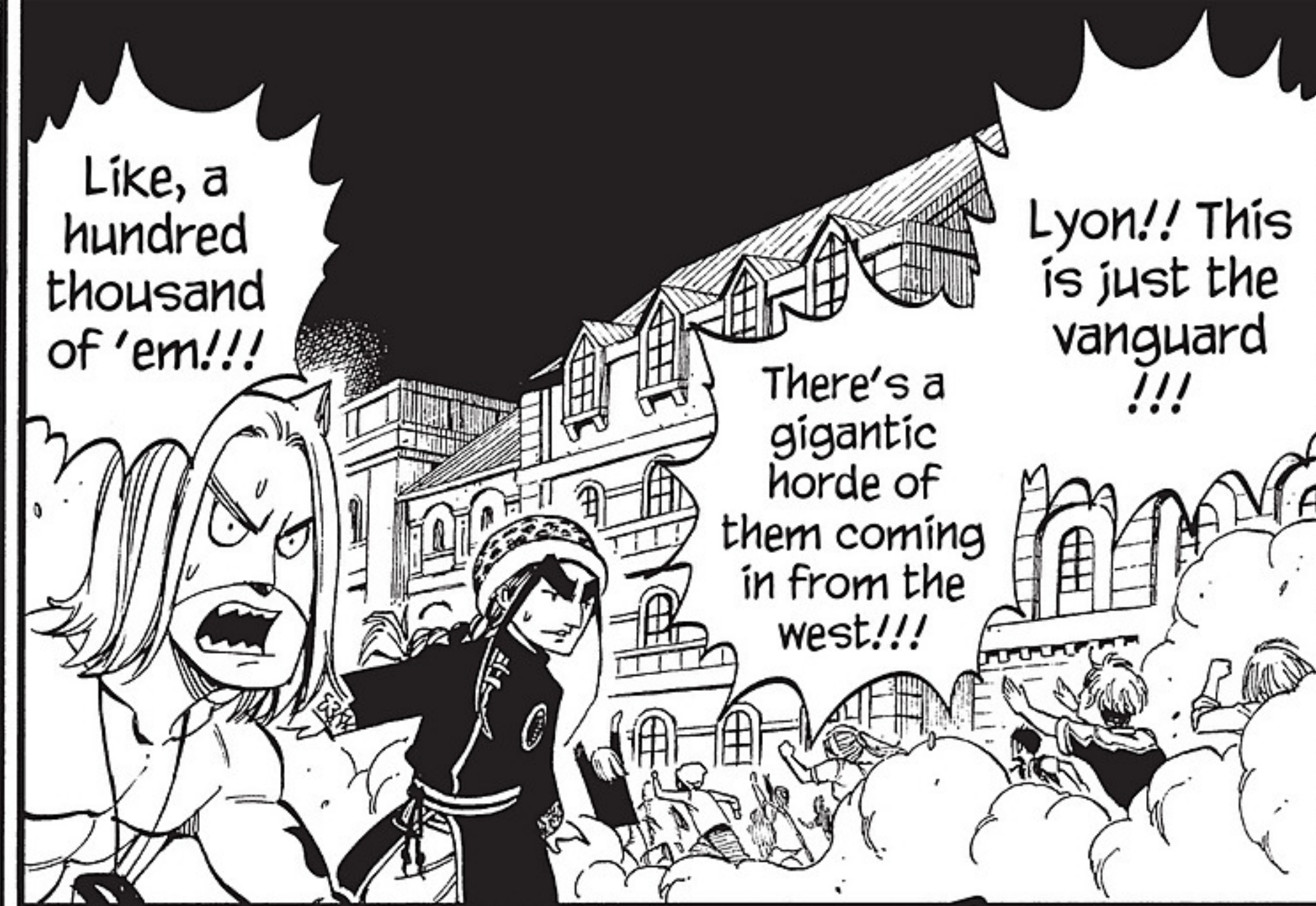
They've probably
been looking for
an opportunity
ever since Jura-
san left...



But Orochi
has really
sunk to new
depths if
they're using
monsters to
attack!!



A hundred thousand
...?!



Like, a
hundred
thousand
of 'em!!!

Lyon!! This
is just the
vanguard
!!!

There's a
gigantic
horde of
them coming
in from the
west!!!

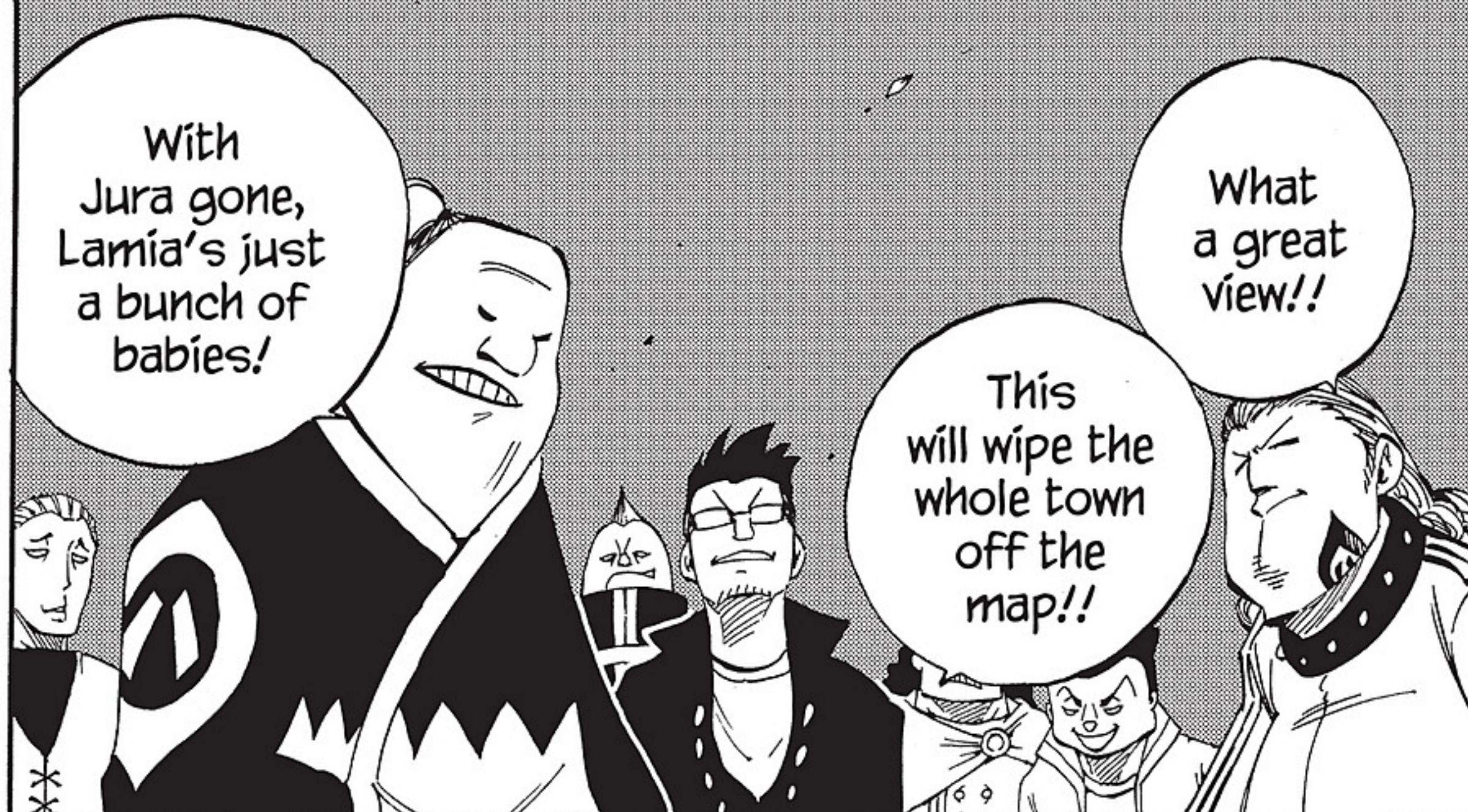


RUMMMMMBBBLE
ククククク



I never
thought
Orochi
would ever
go this
far!!!!

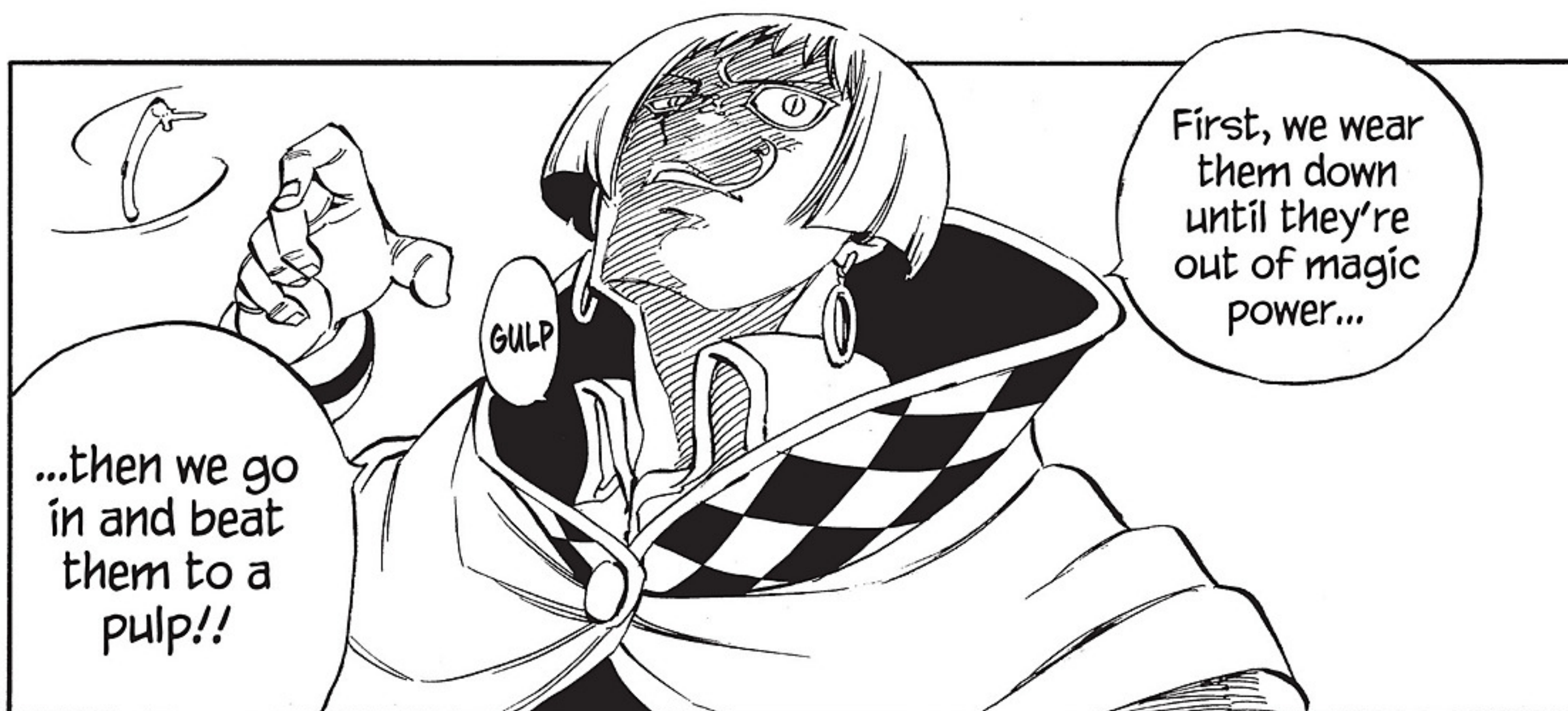
They
could
destroy
the entire
town!!!



With
Jura gone,
Lamia's just
a bunch of
babies!

What
a great
view!!

This
will wipe the
whole town
off the
map!!

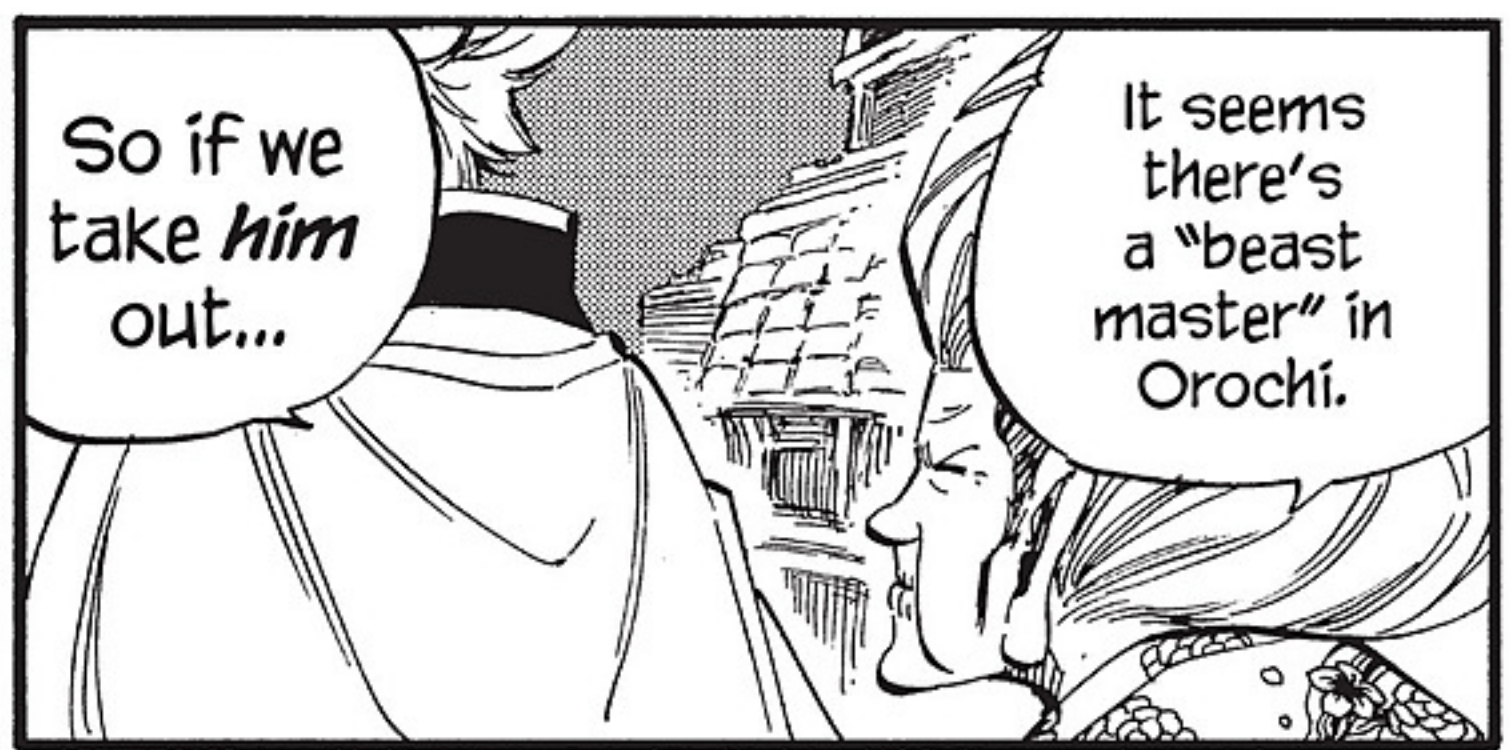
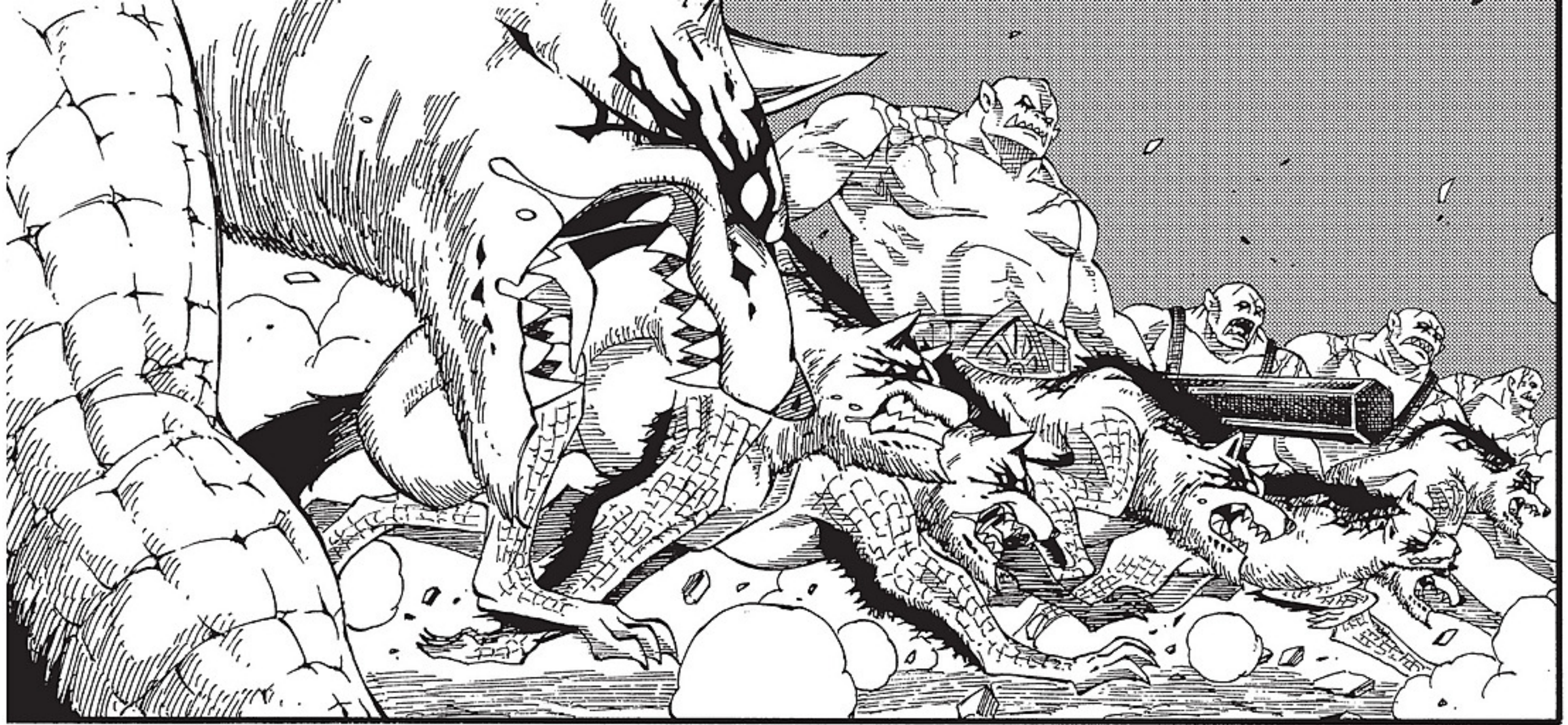


First, we wear
them down
until they're
out of magic
power...

...then we go
in and beat
them to a
pulp!!



**We'll
kill them
all!!!!**



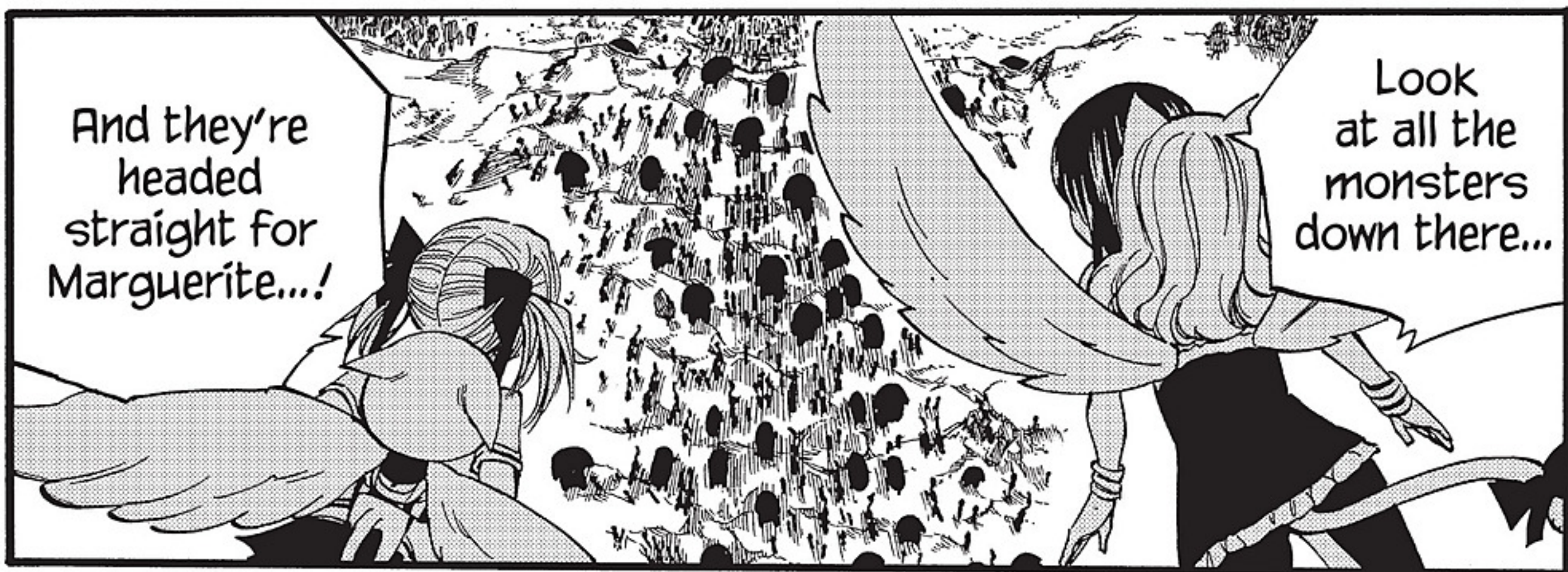


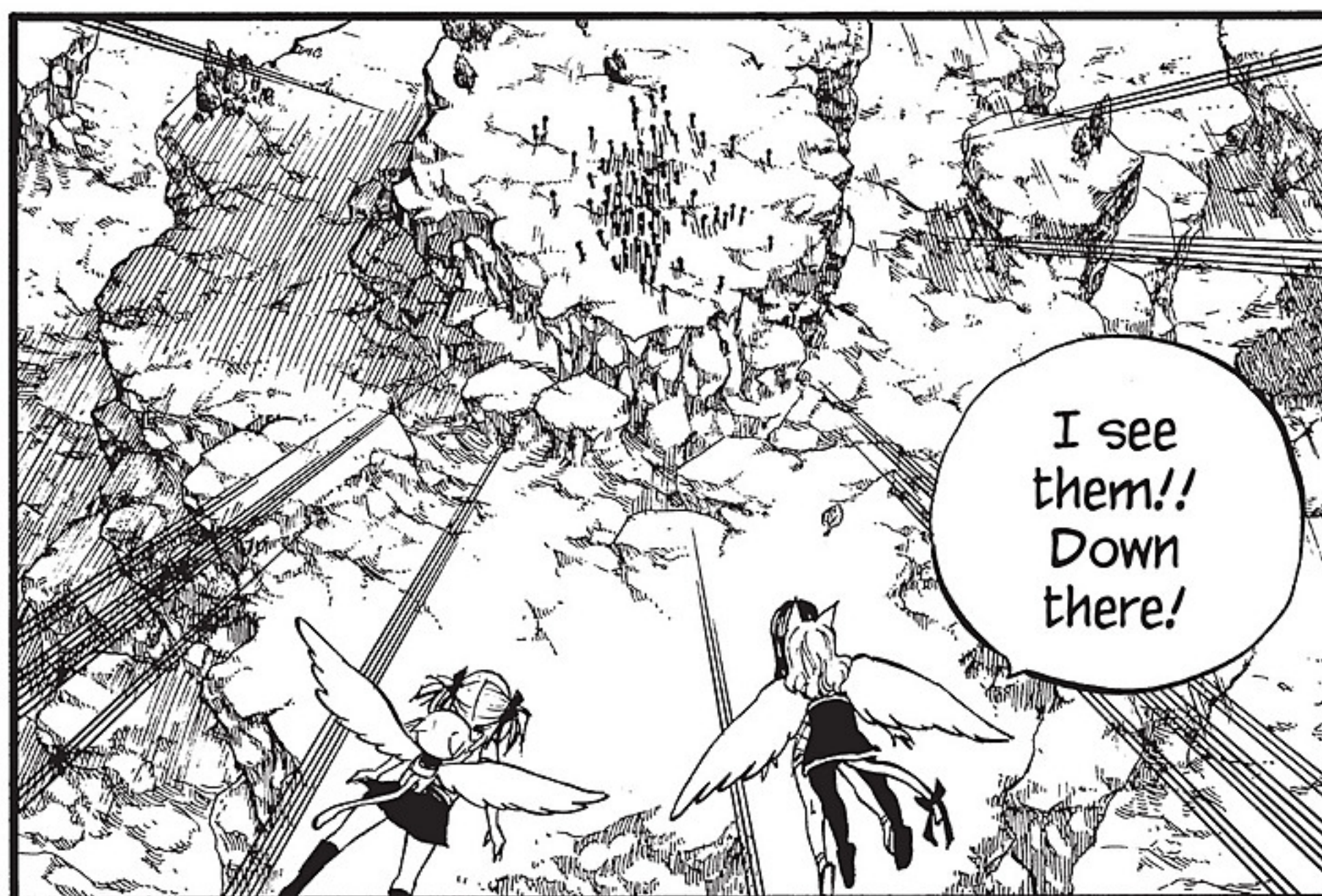
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Chapter 422: Orochi's Fin





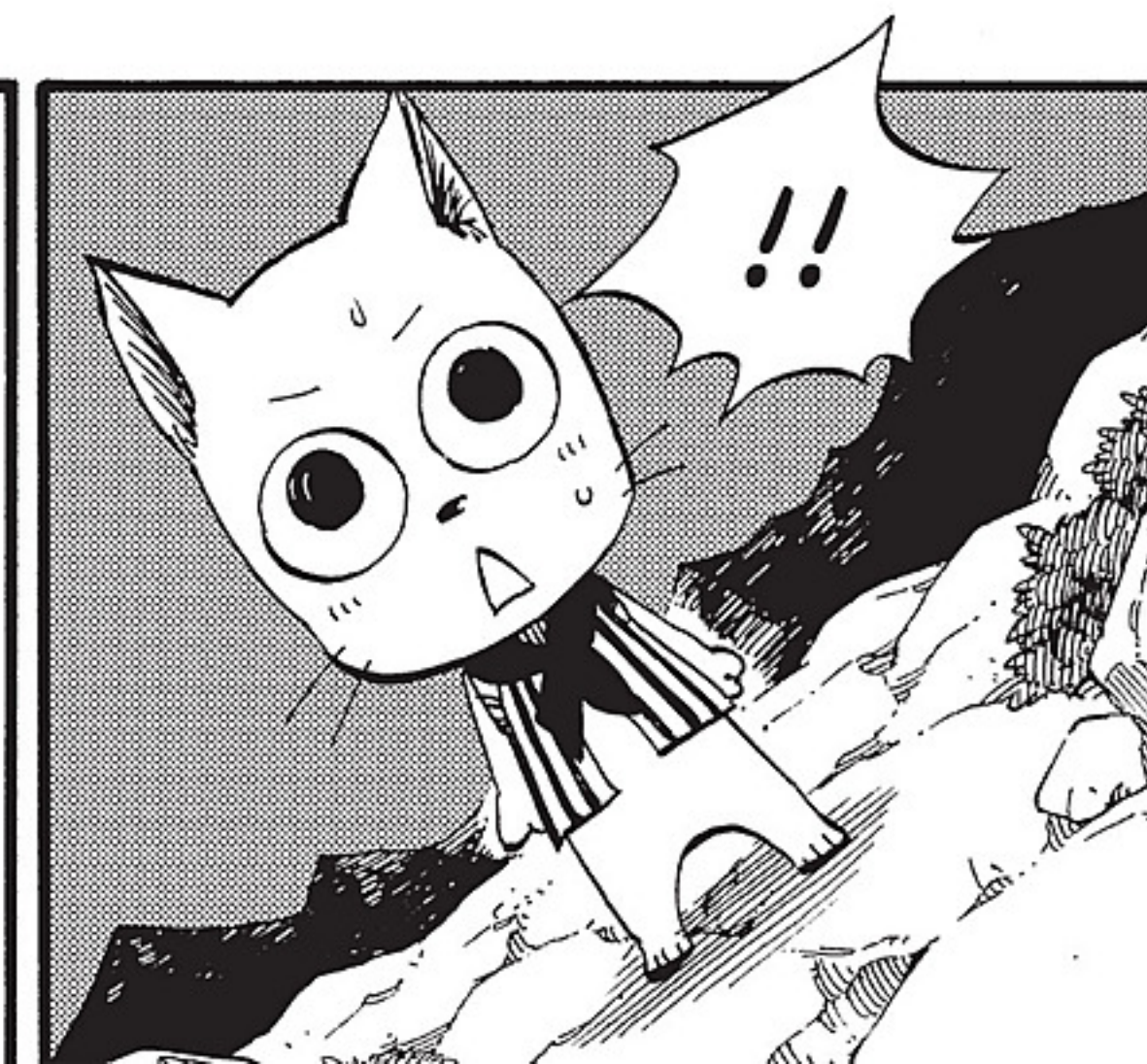
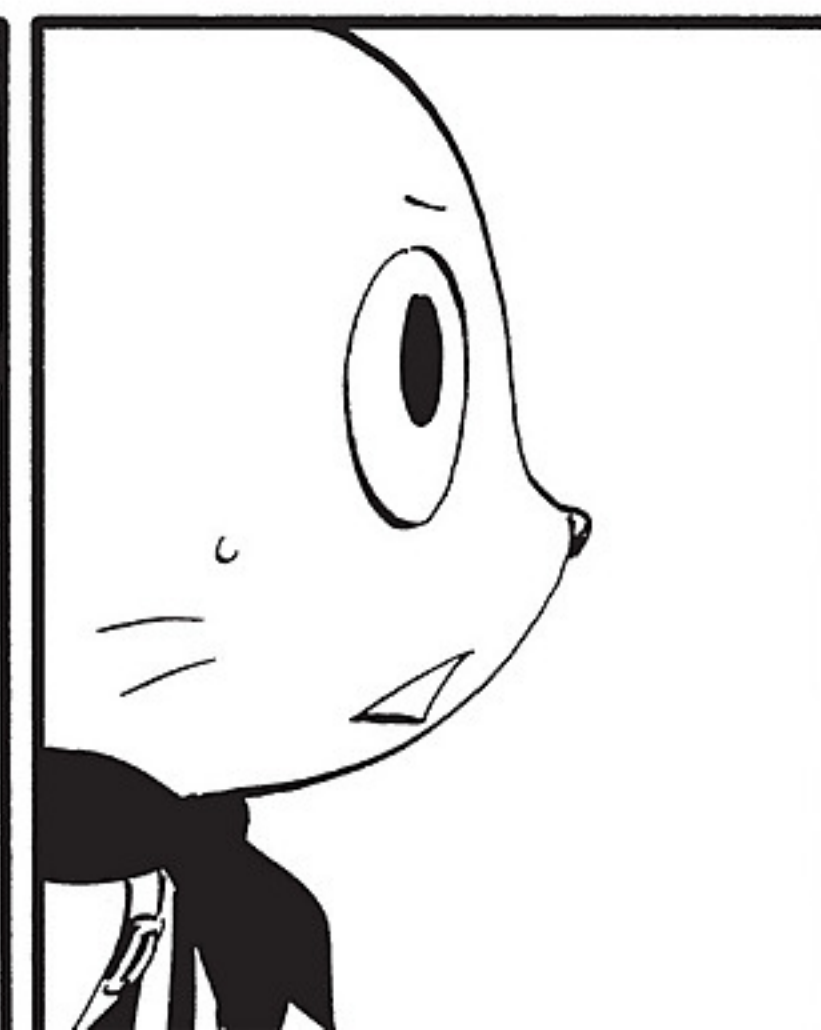
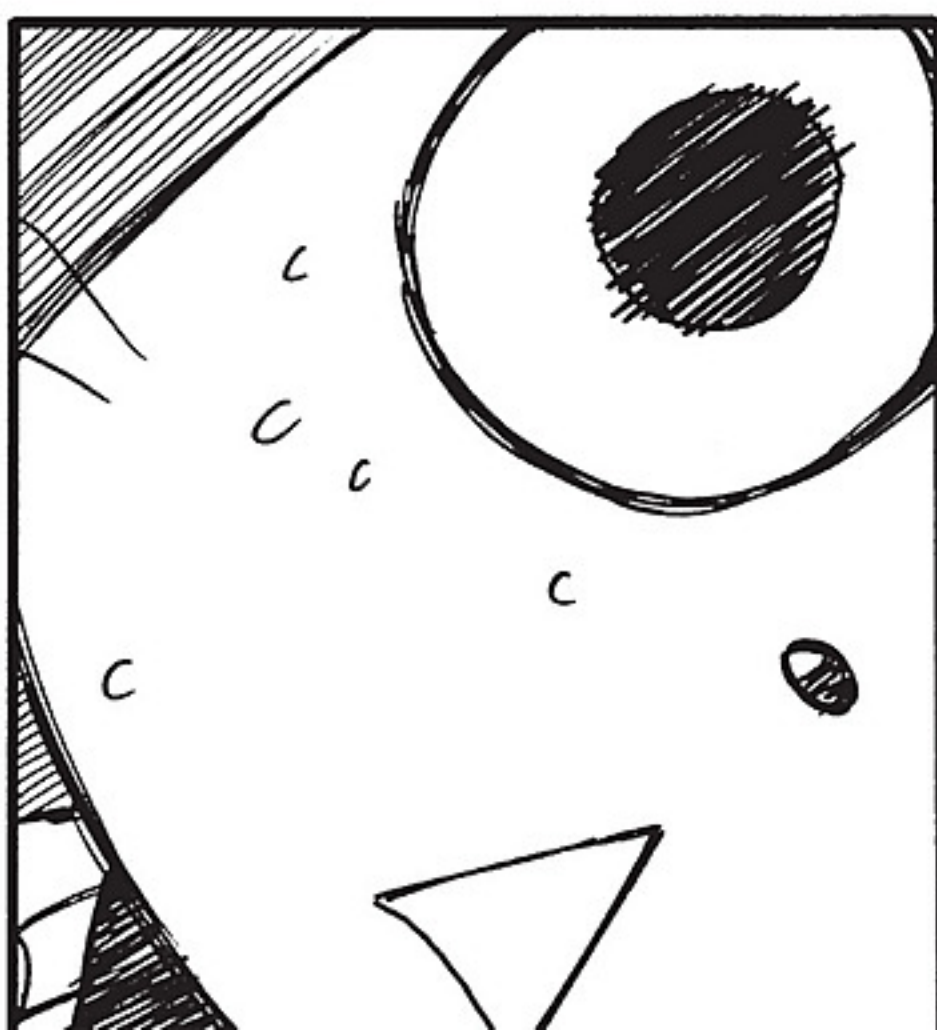


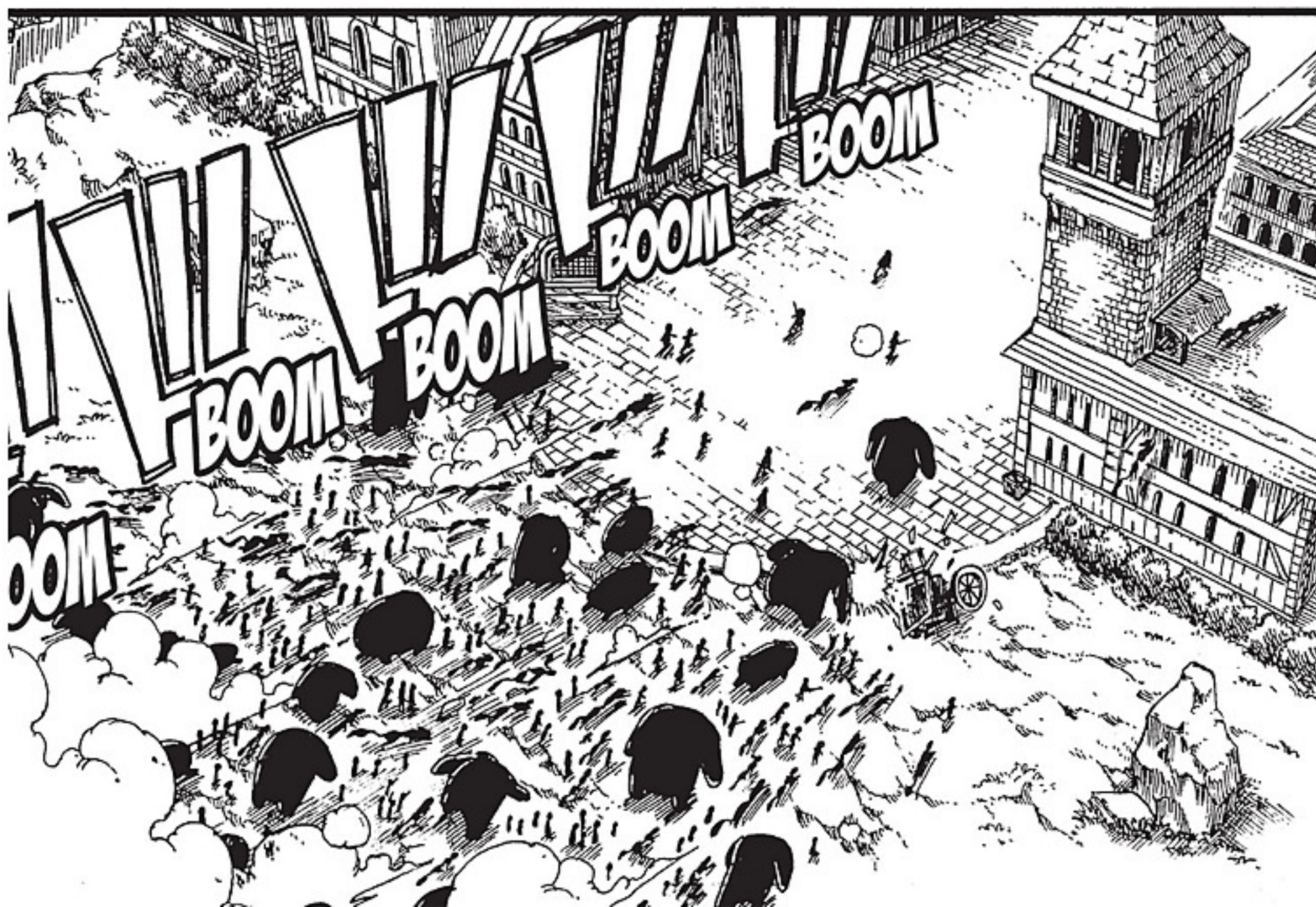
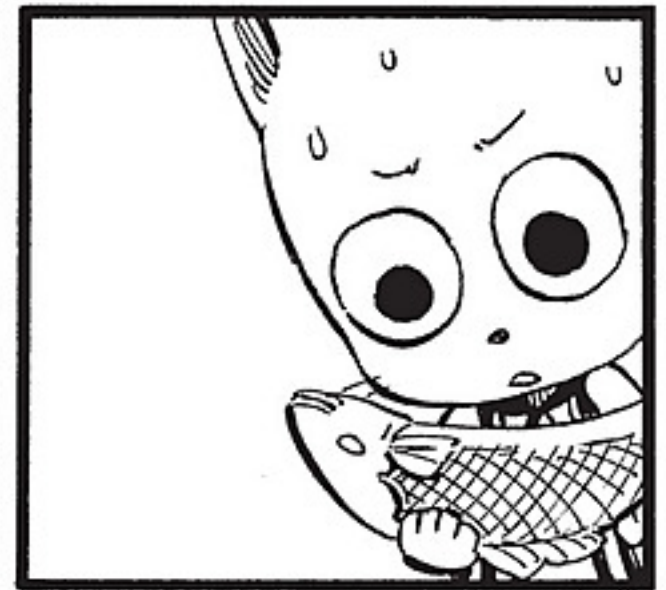
BOOOOM

*The Sky
Sisters
!!!!*

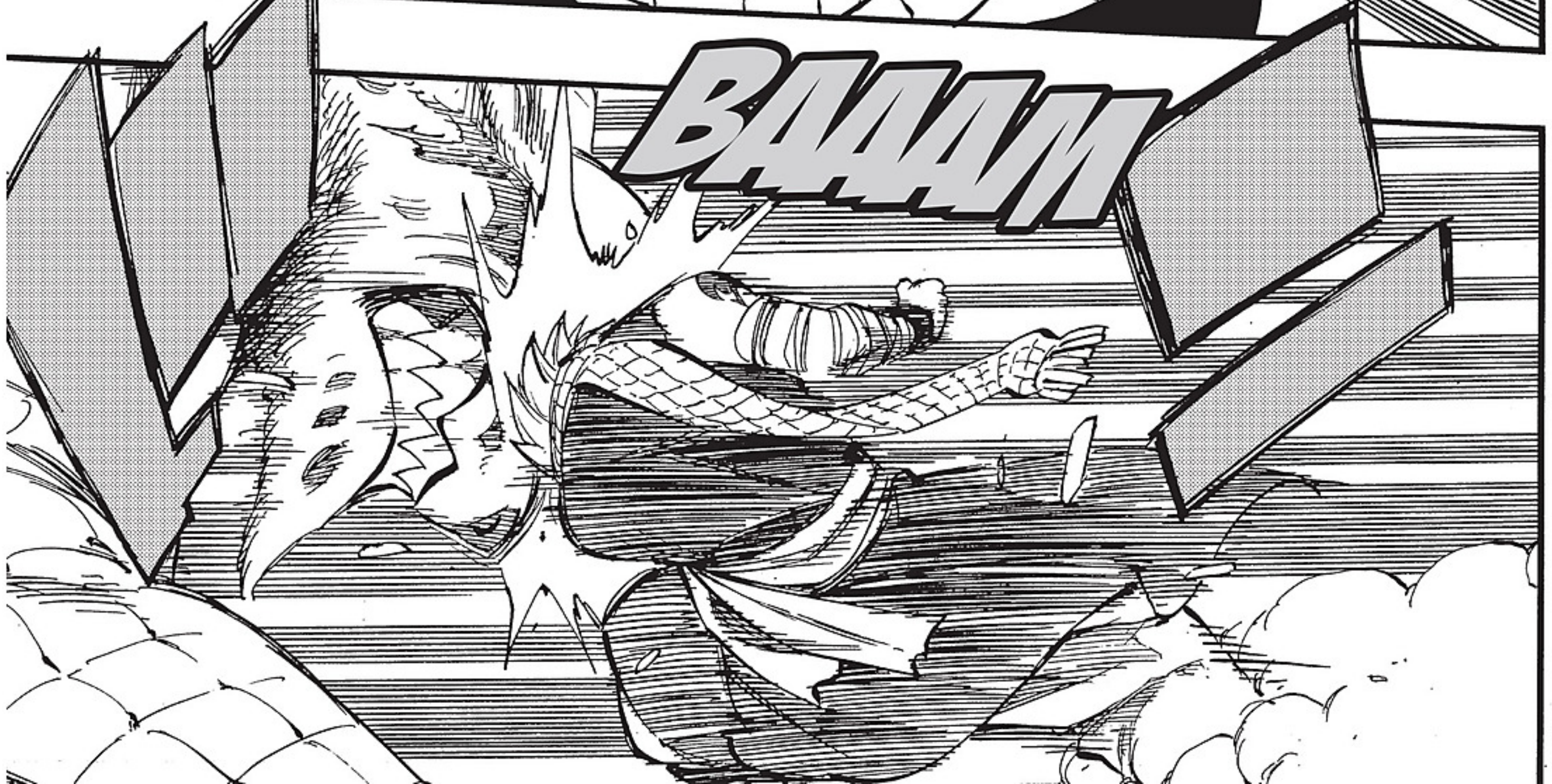
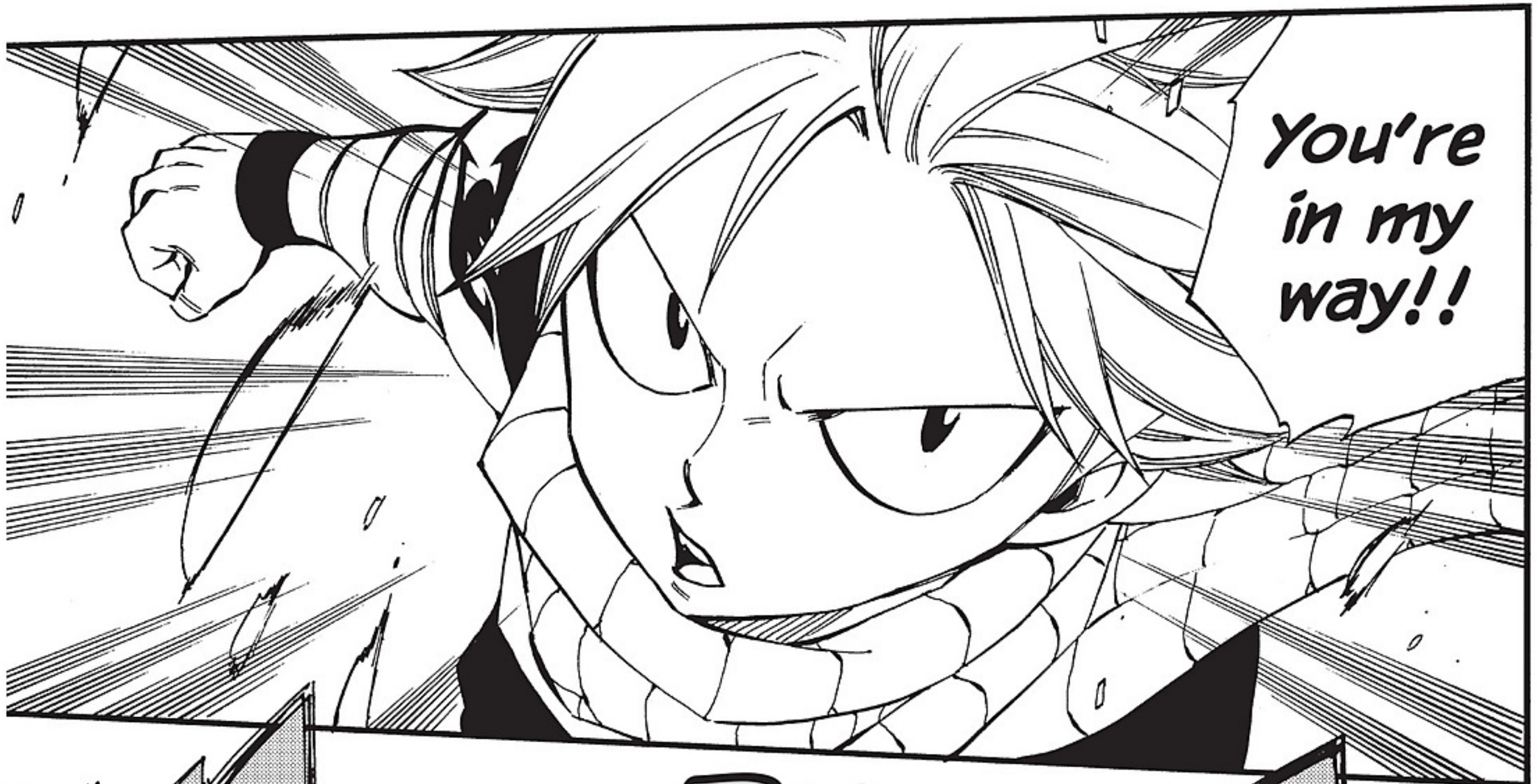
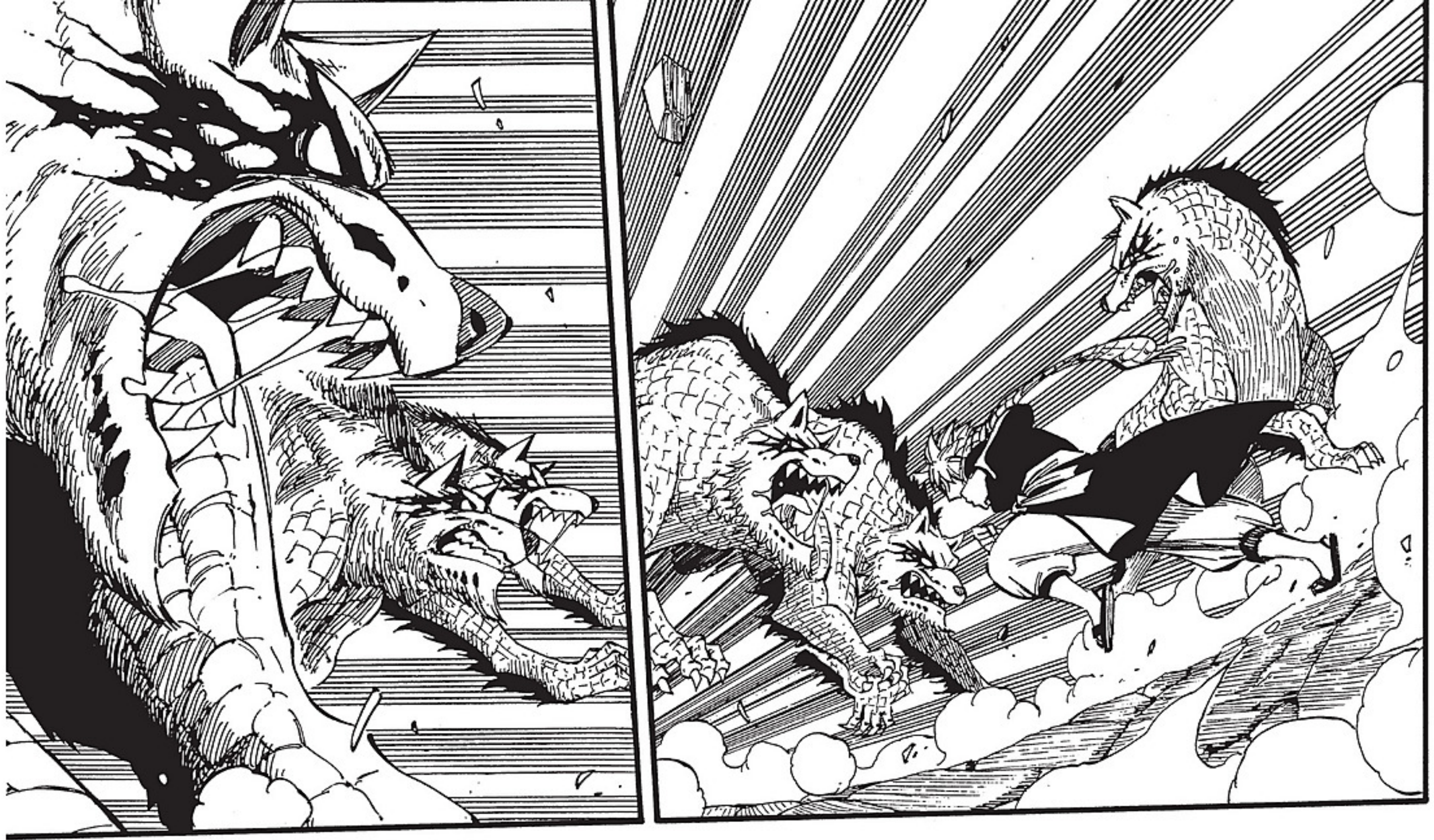


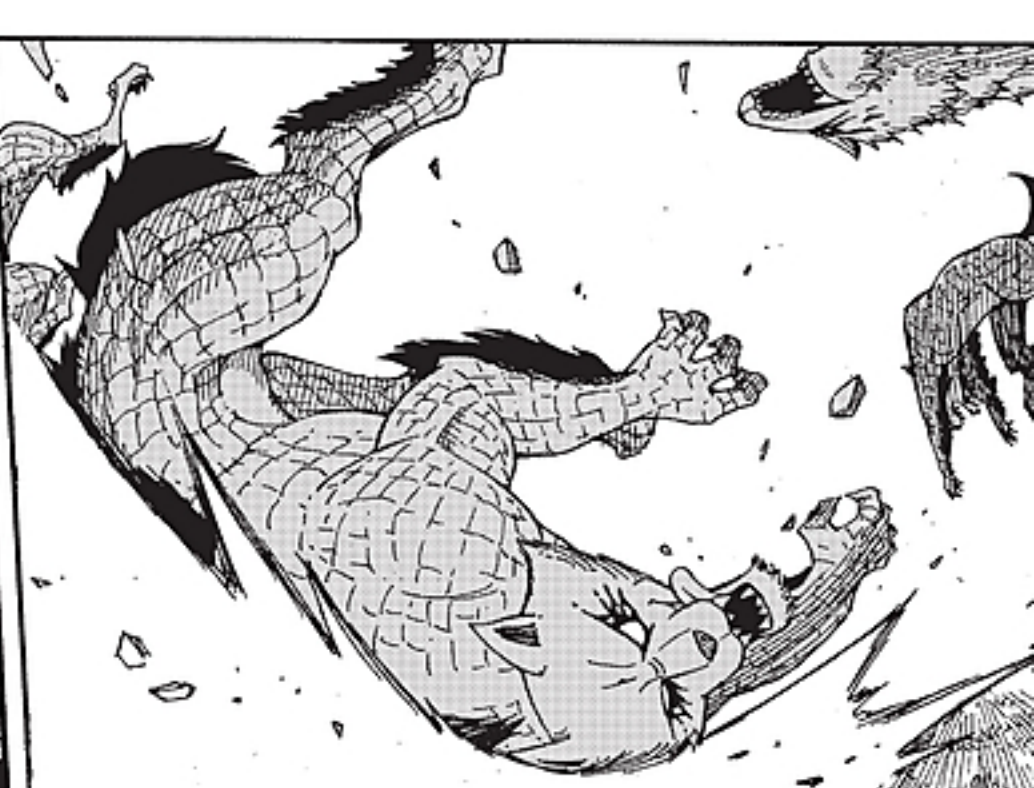
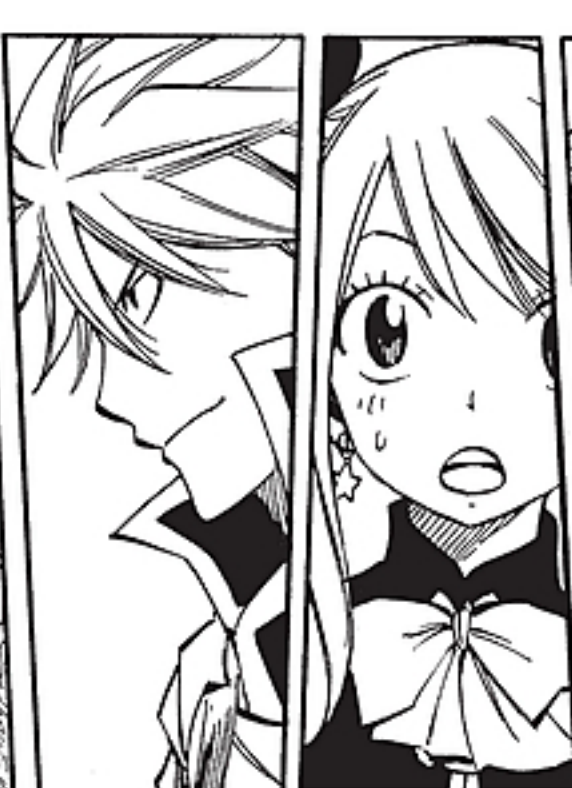
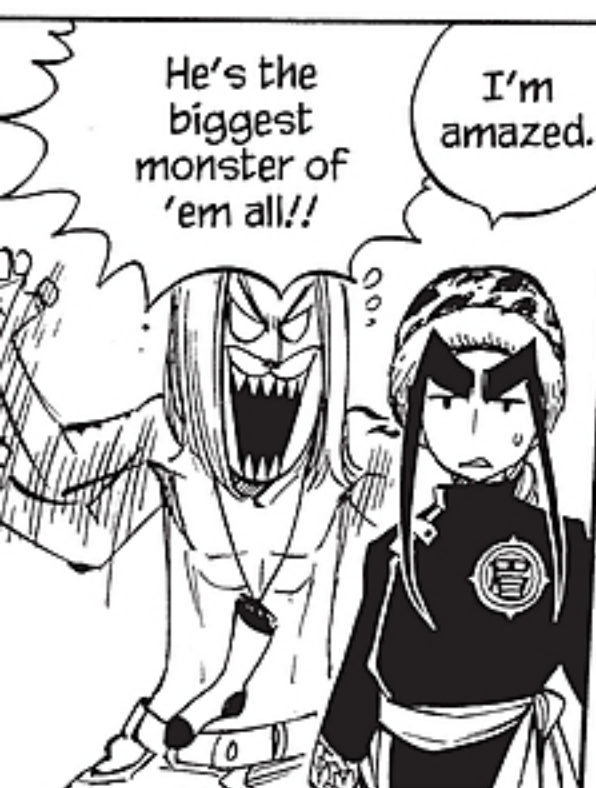


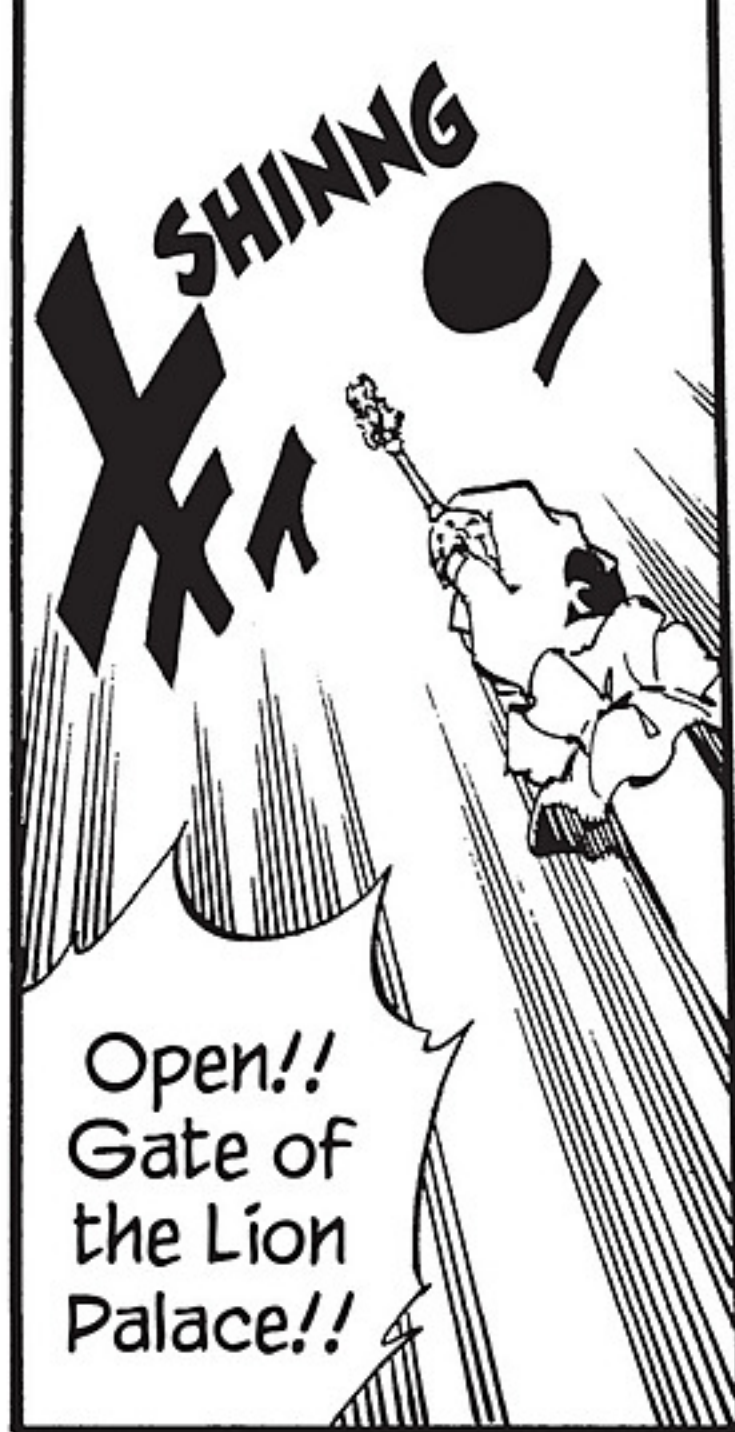












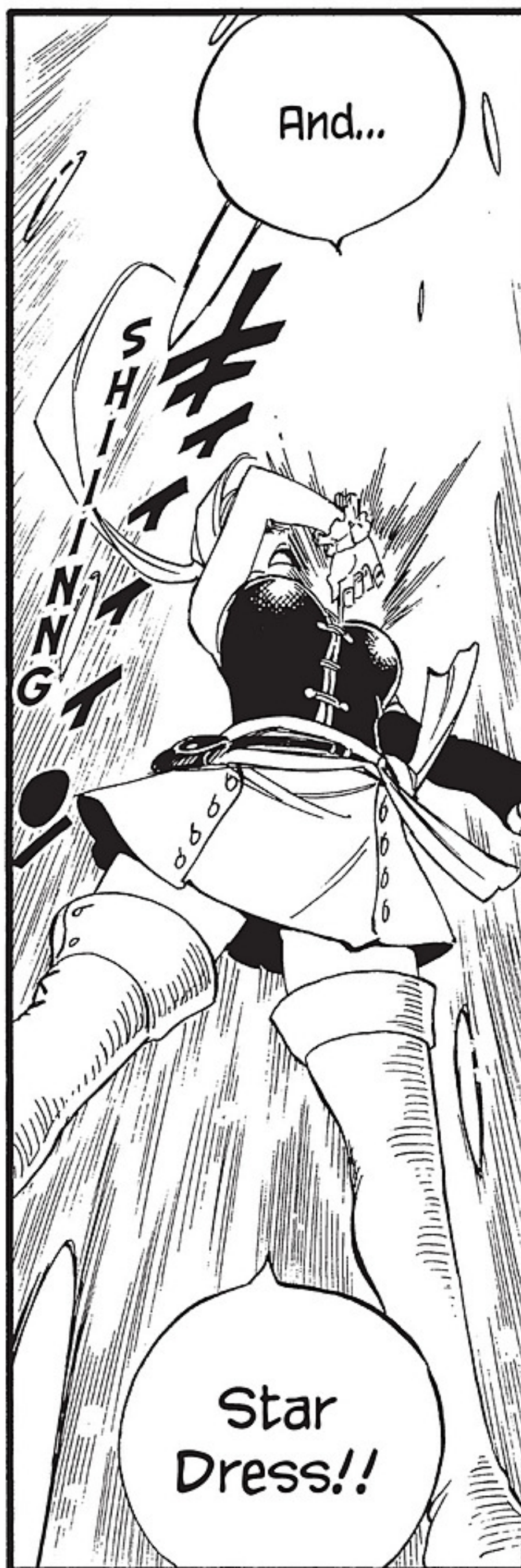
Open!!
Gate of
the Lion
Palace!!



Let's
do this
!!



Focus,
guys!! Here
they come!!



And...

Star
Dress!!



Loke
!!!

Lucy's
knight has
arrived!!



Is that
Erza's
magic
?!

Whoa
?!



You're
so hot,
Lucy!!

It's not
quite the same
as Erza's magic.
It lets me bor-
row a bit of my
celestial spirits'
powers.

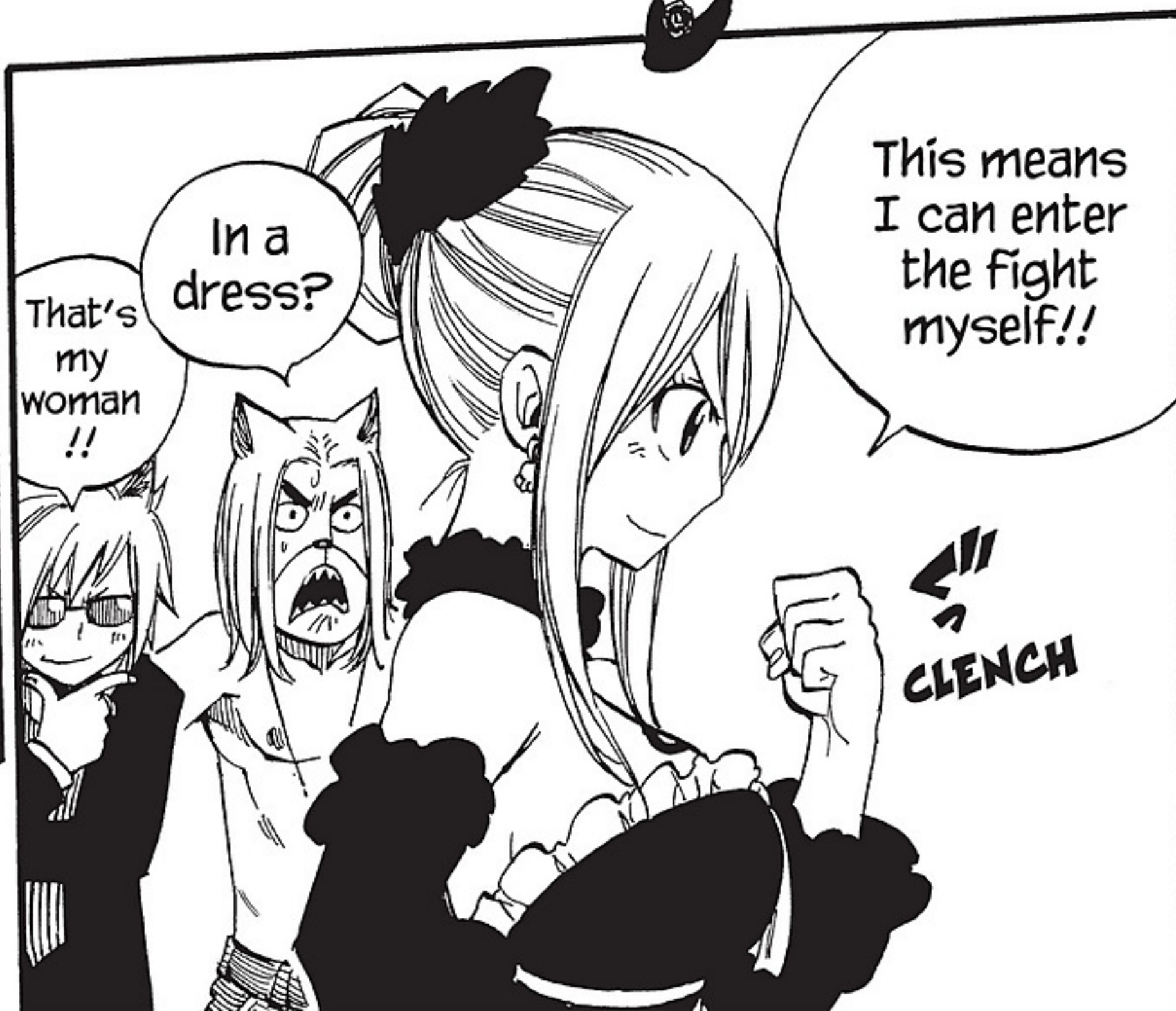
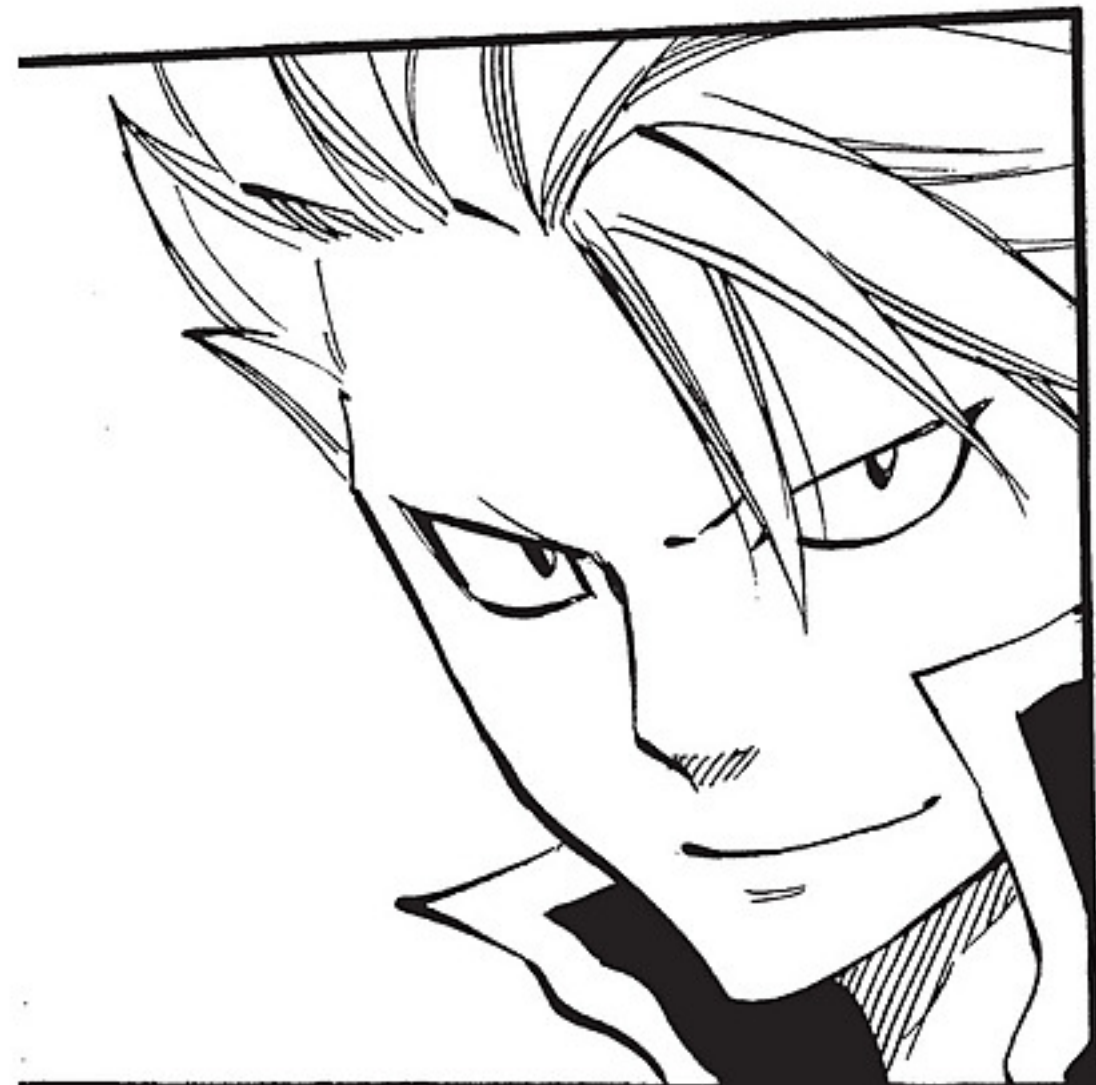
Really
hot!!

Oh,
shut
up.



**Leo-
Form!!!!**

SHEEEN

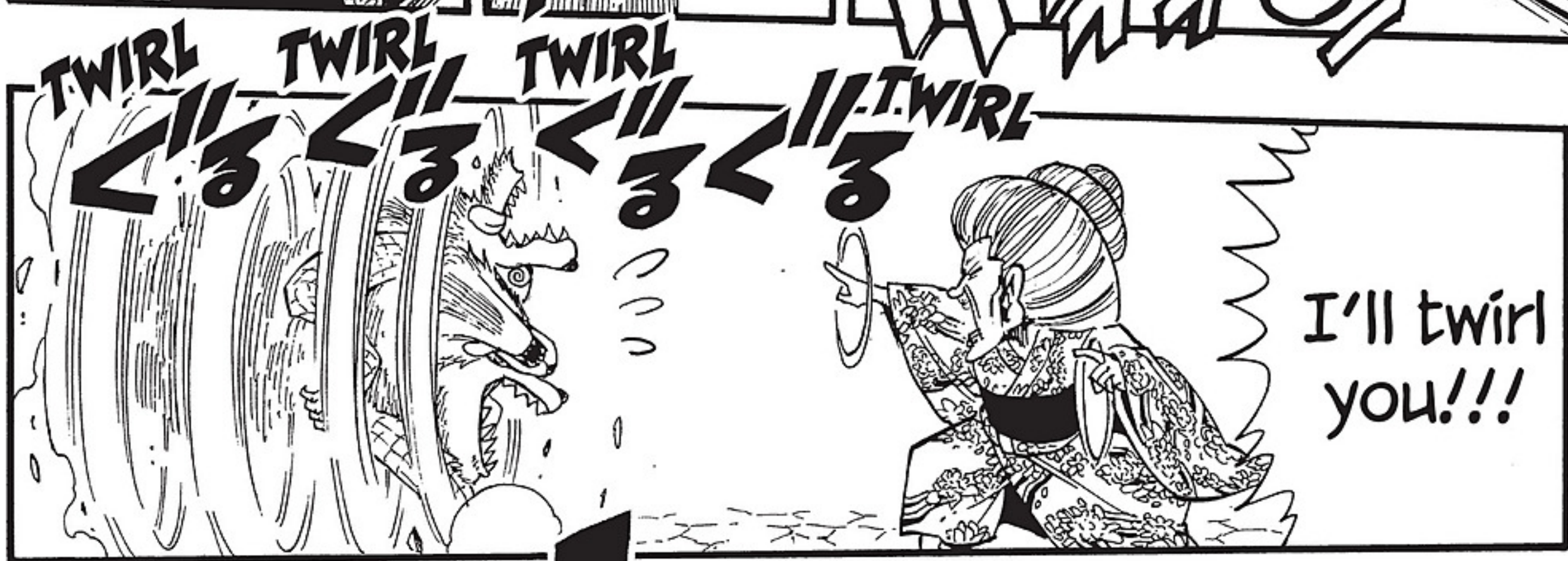


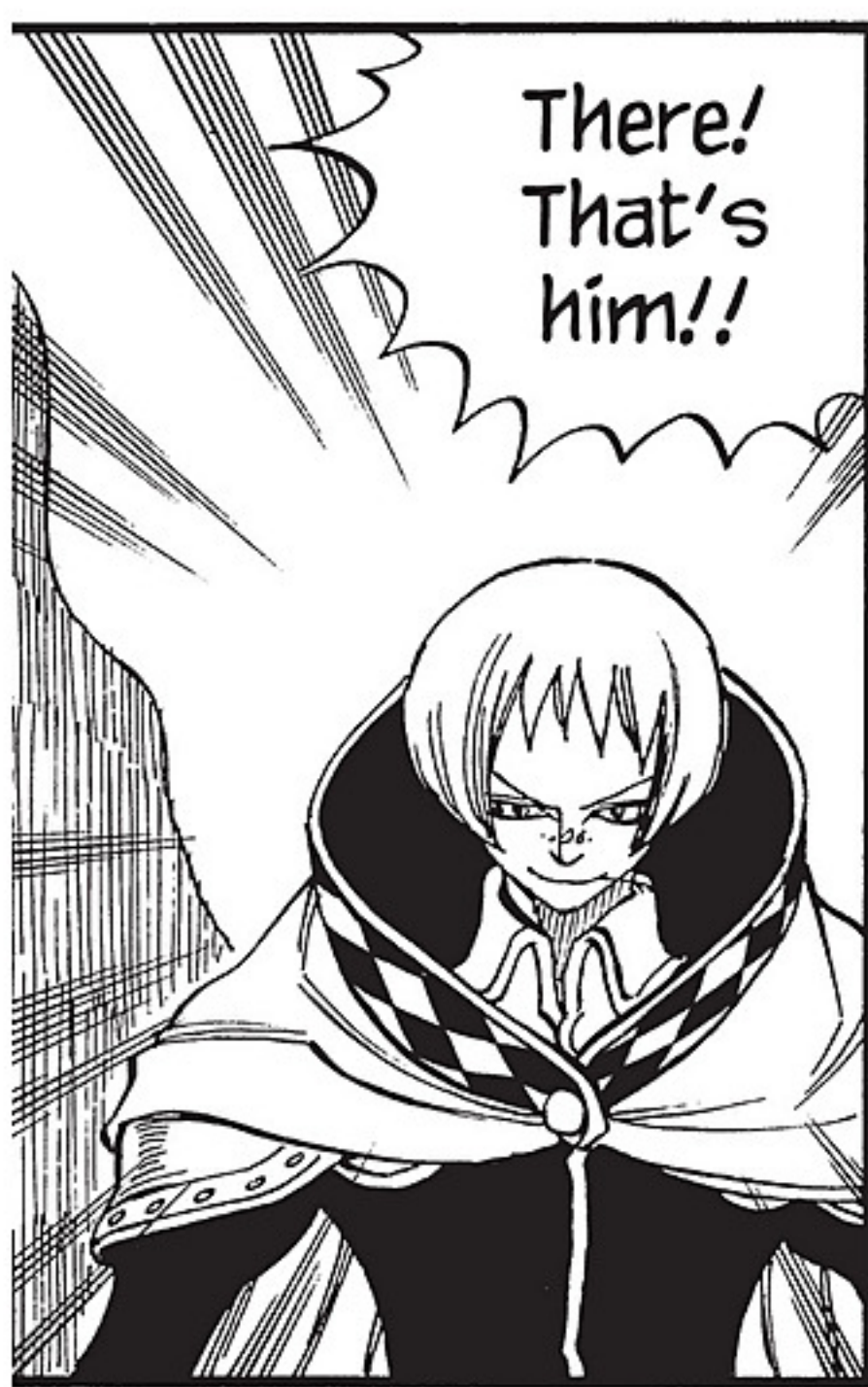
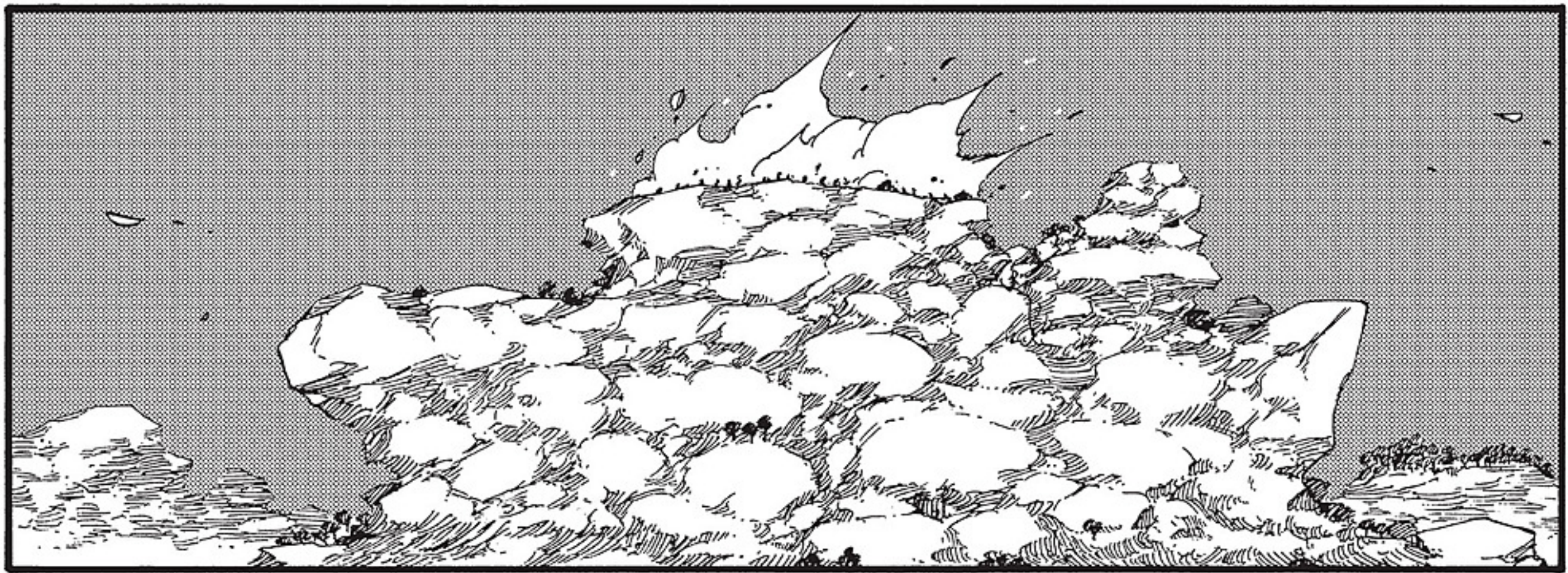
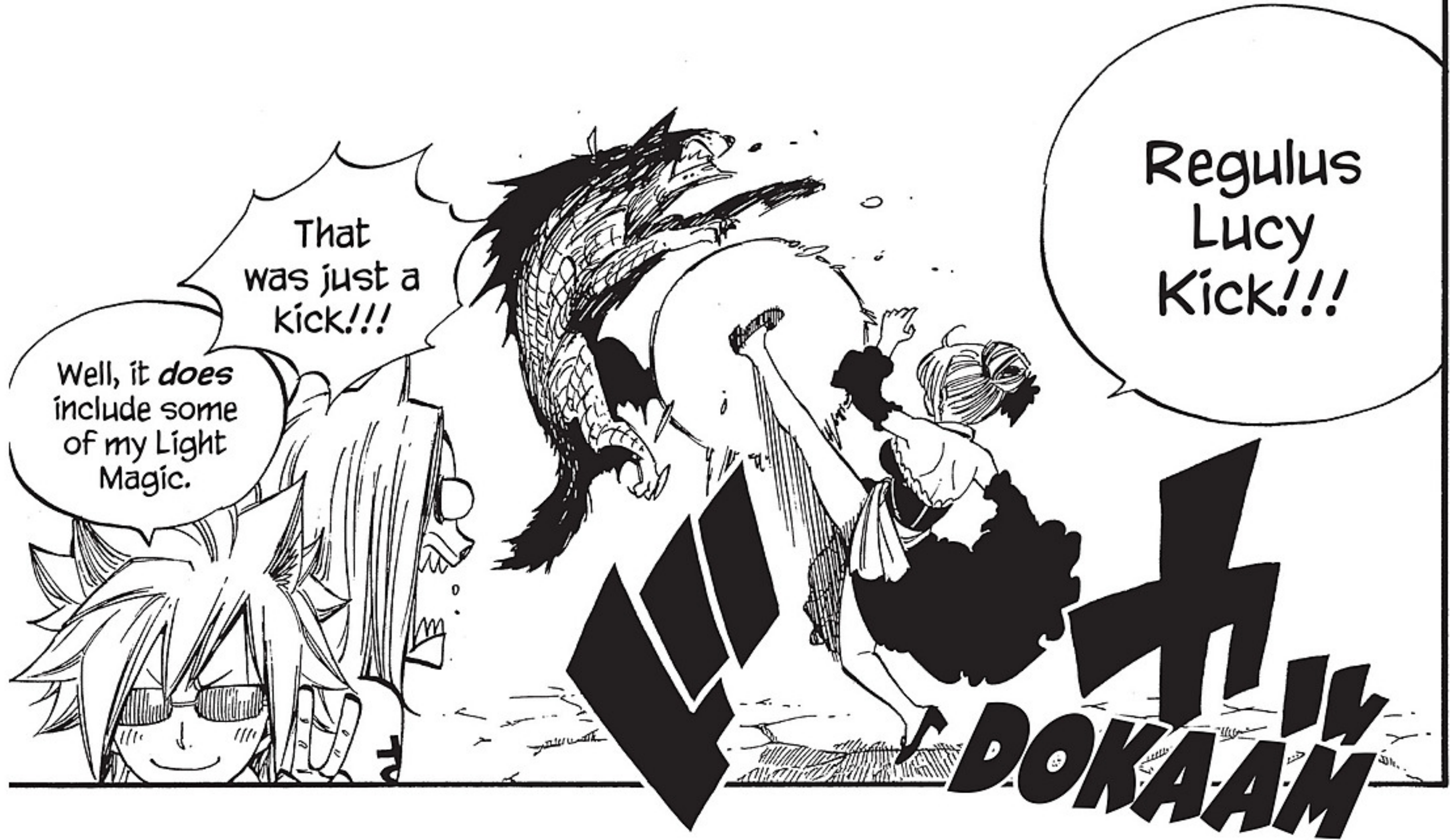
In a
dress?

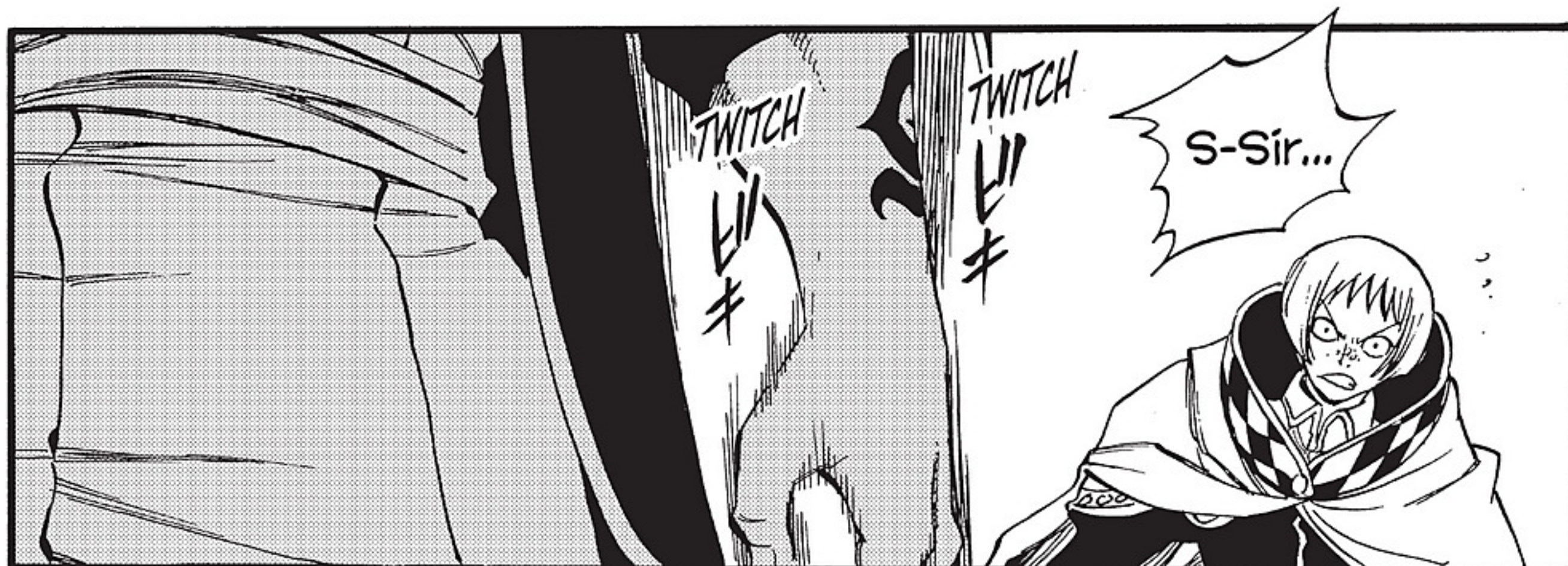
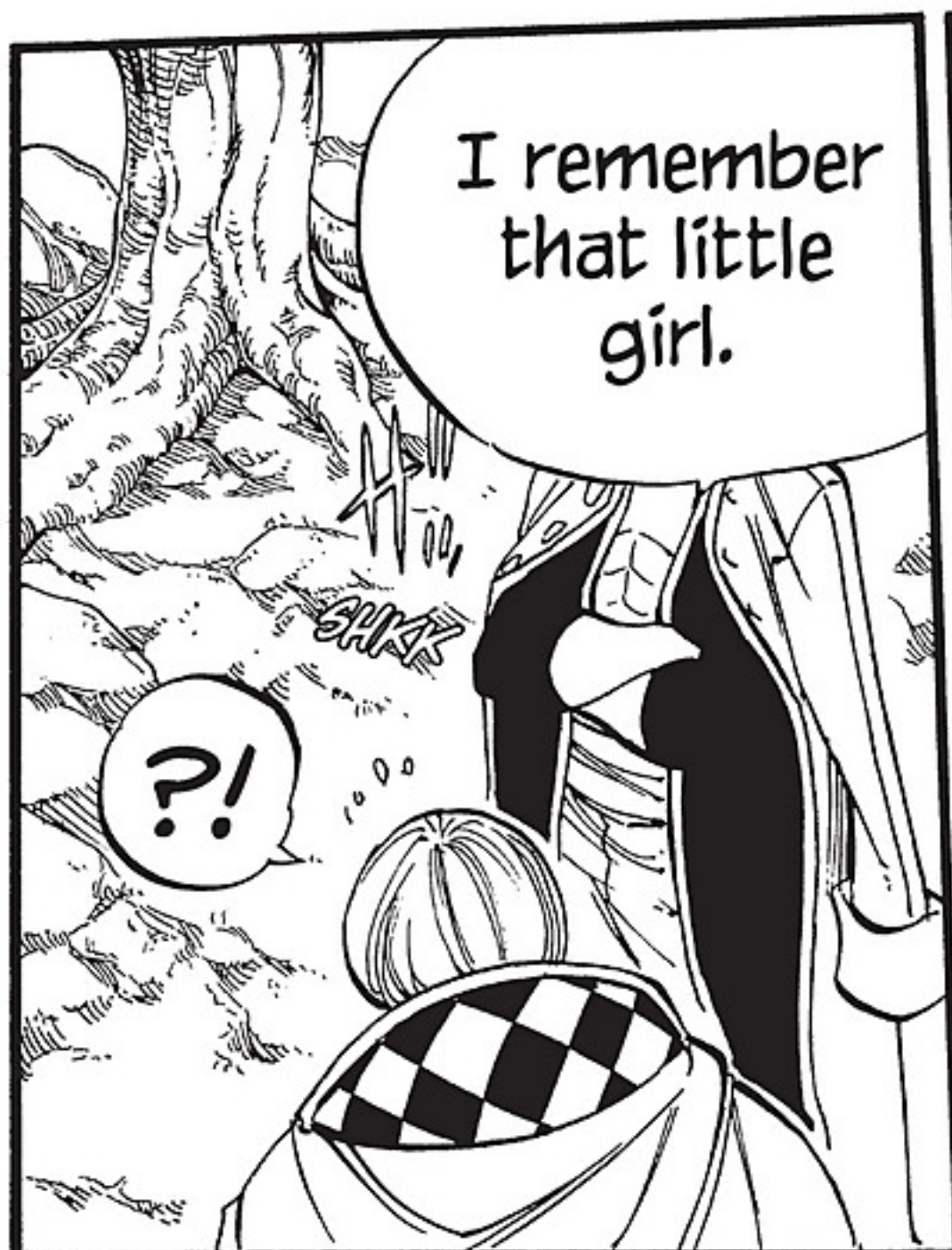
That's
my
woman
!!

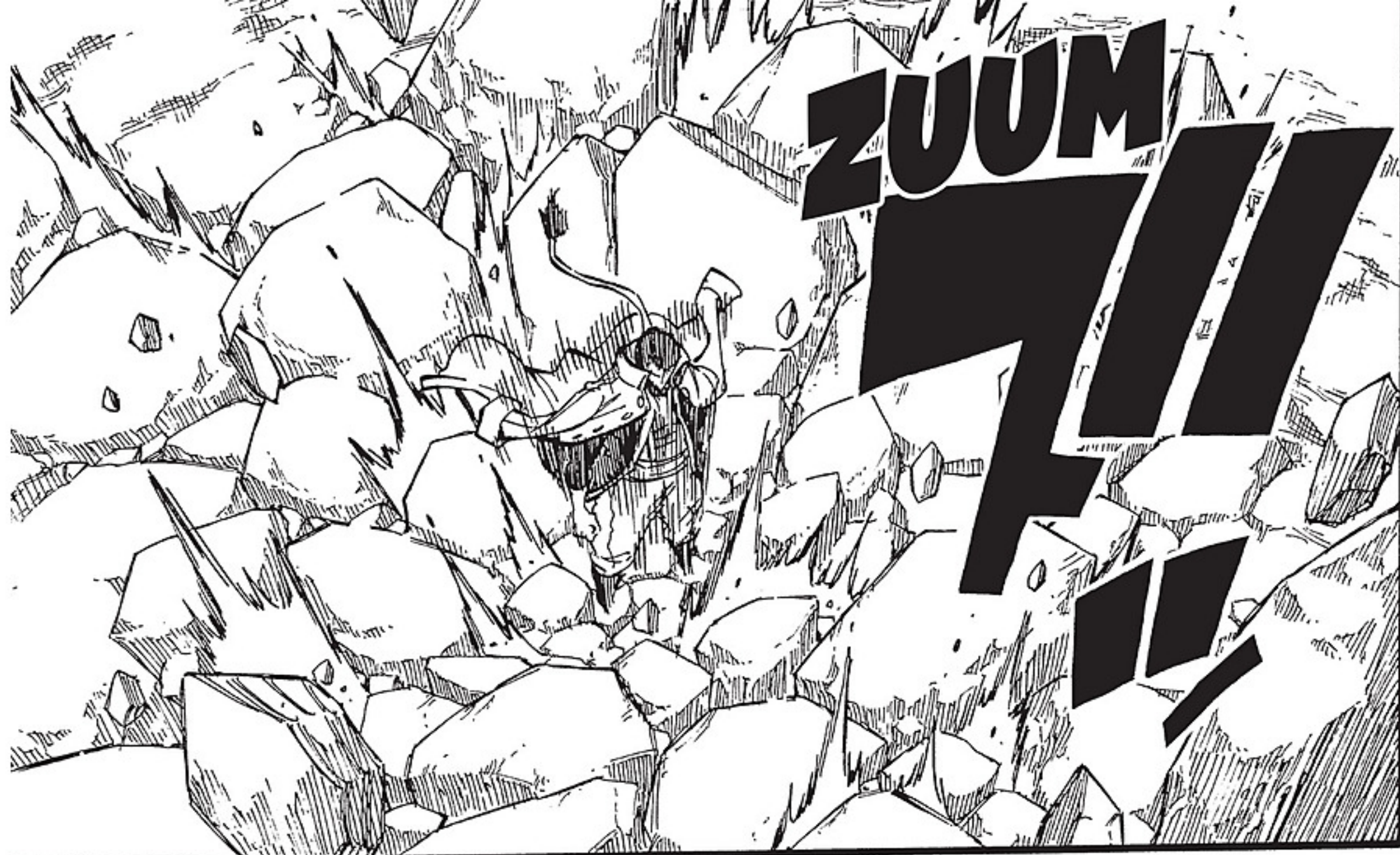
This means
I can enter
the fight
myself!!

CLENCH









I wonder,
can she
fly?





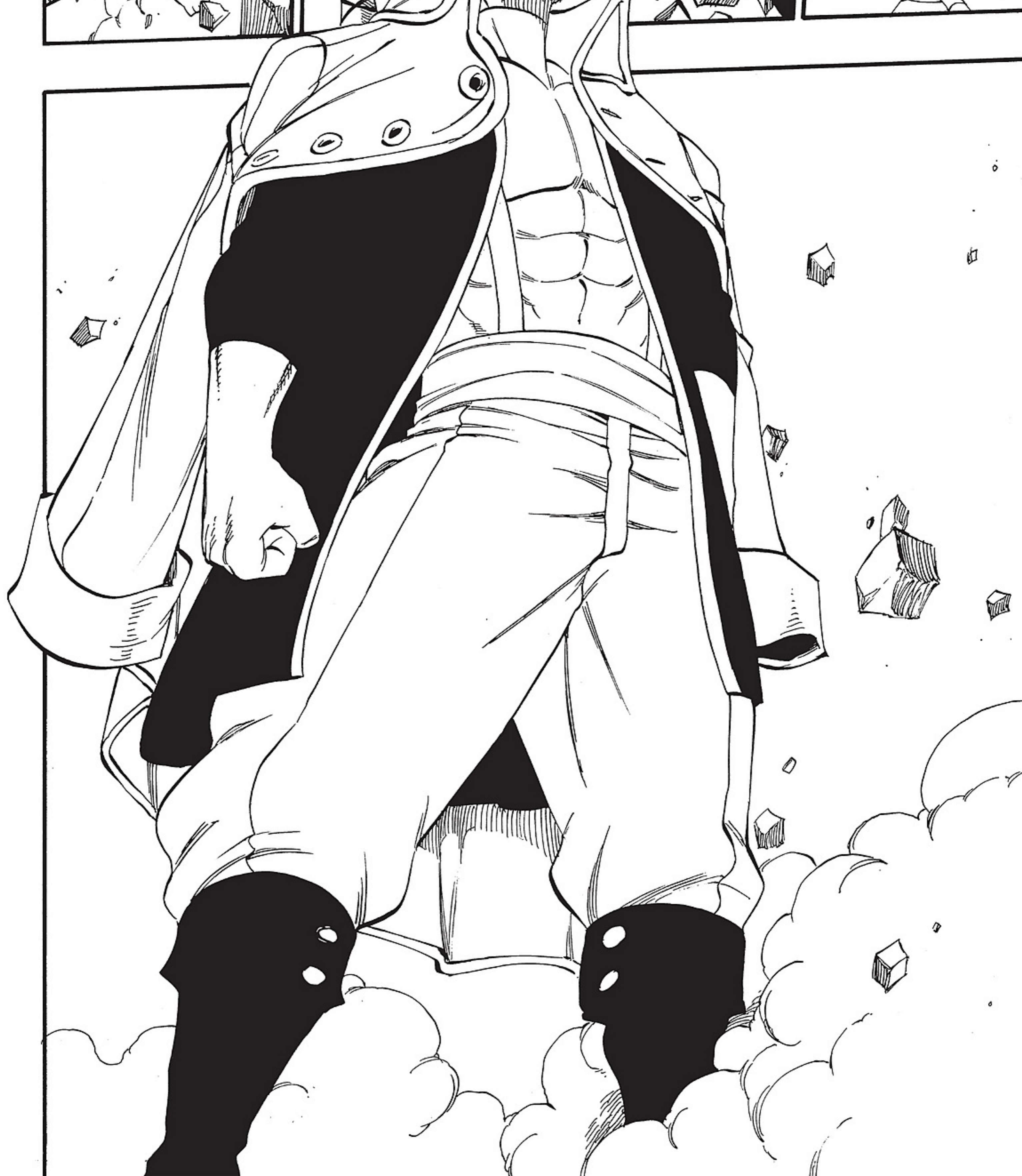
The ground is...

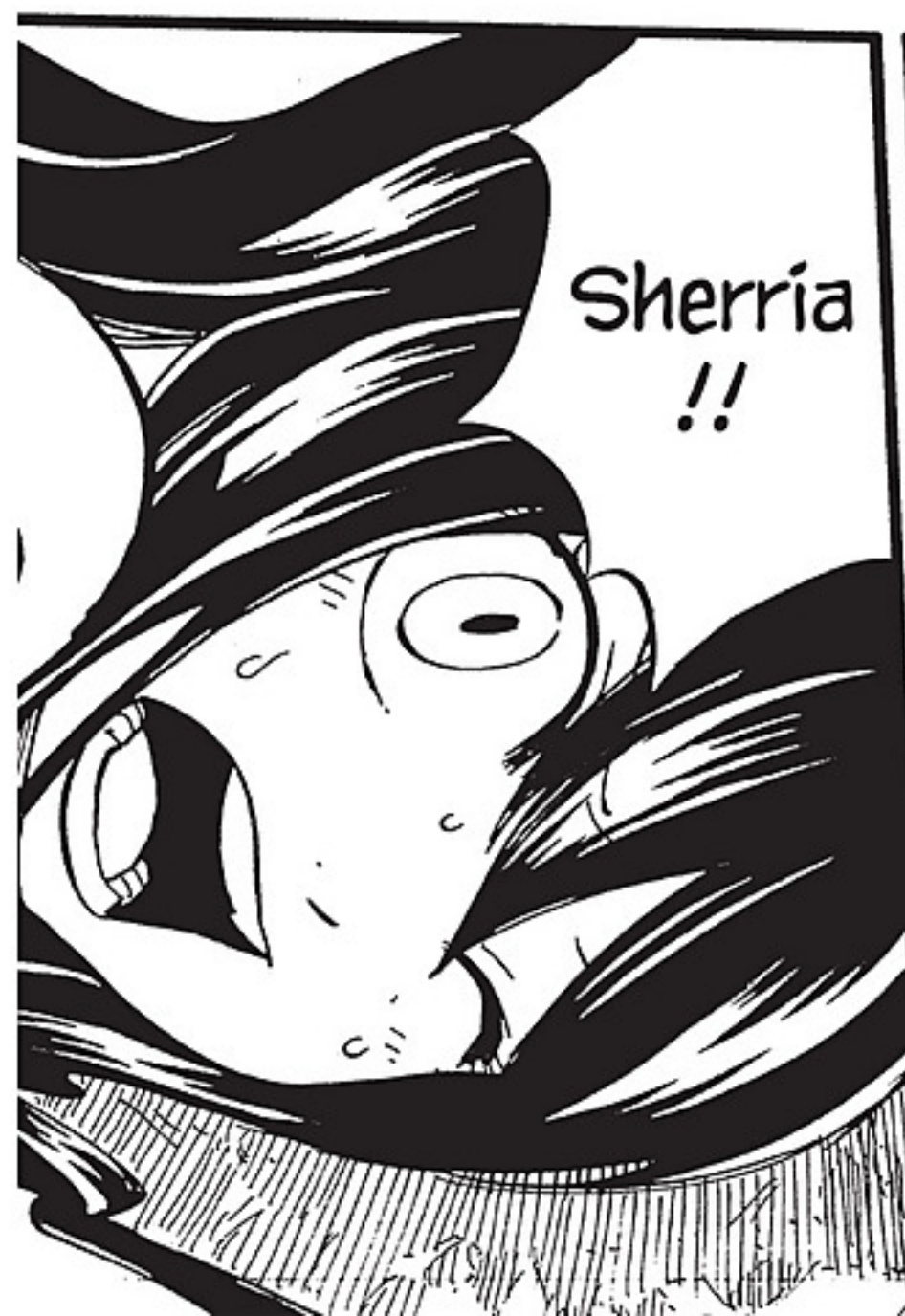
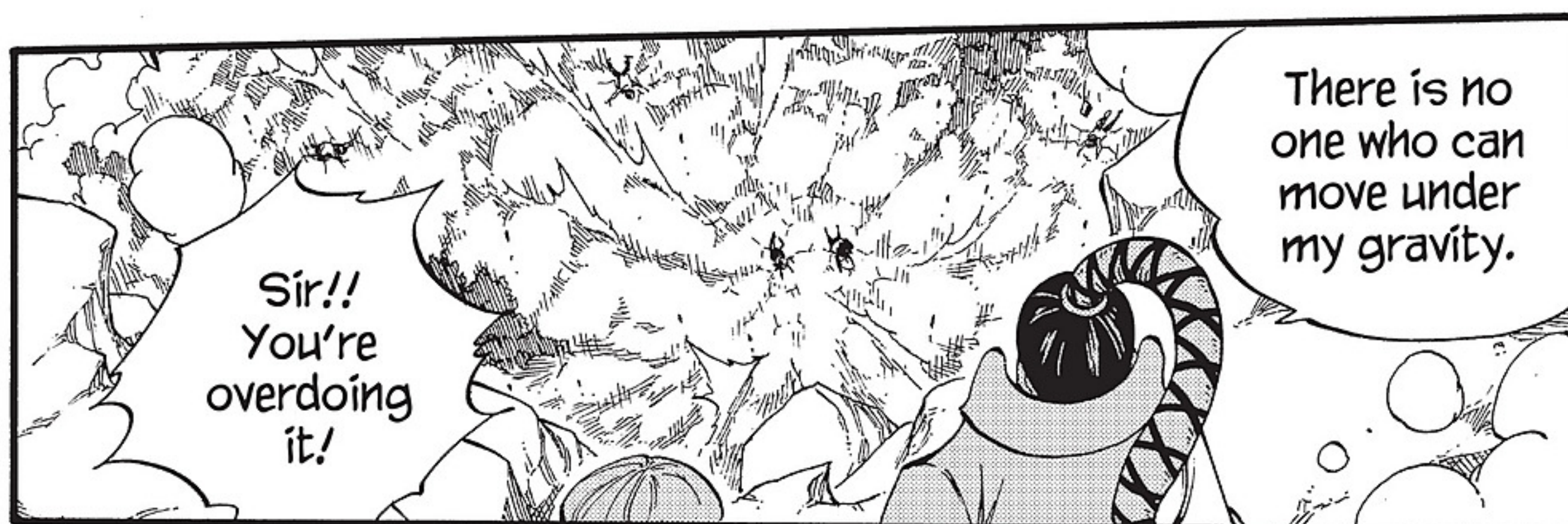
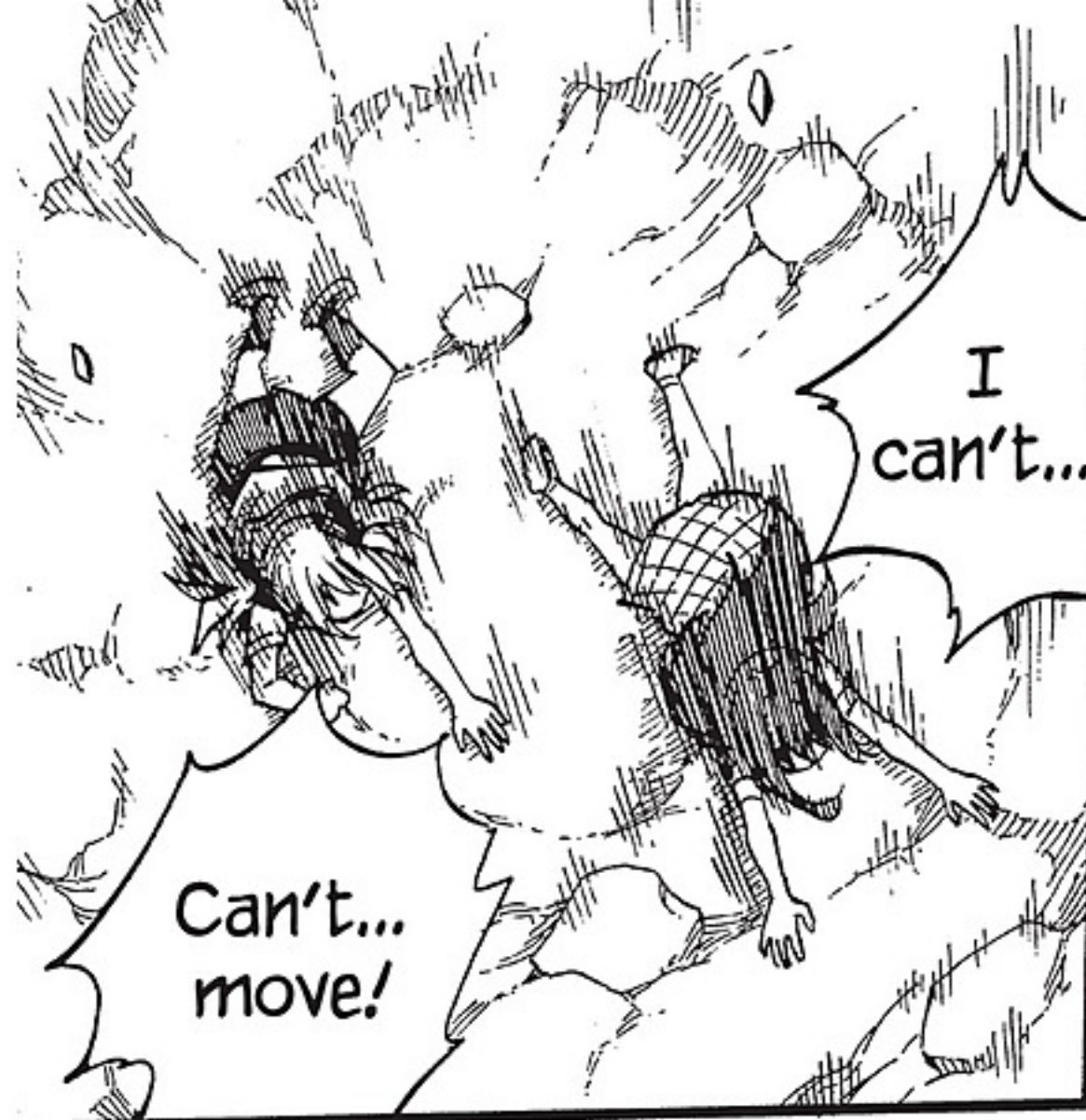
AAAAA
あああああ

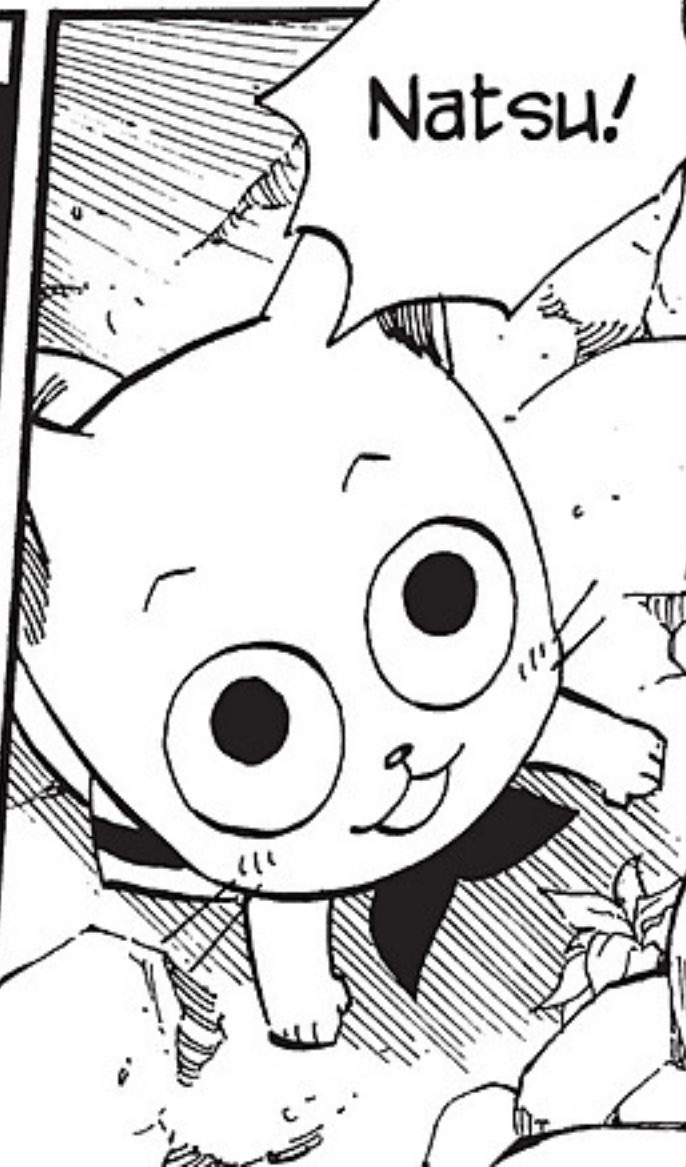
What is this?!

Back !!

WAAH!



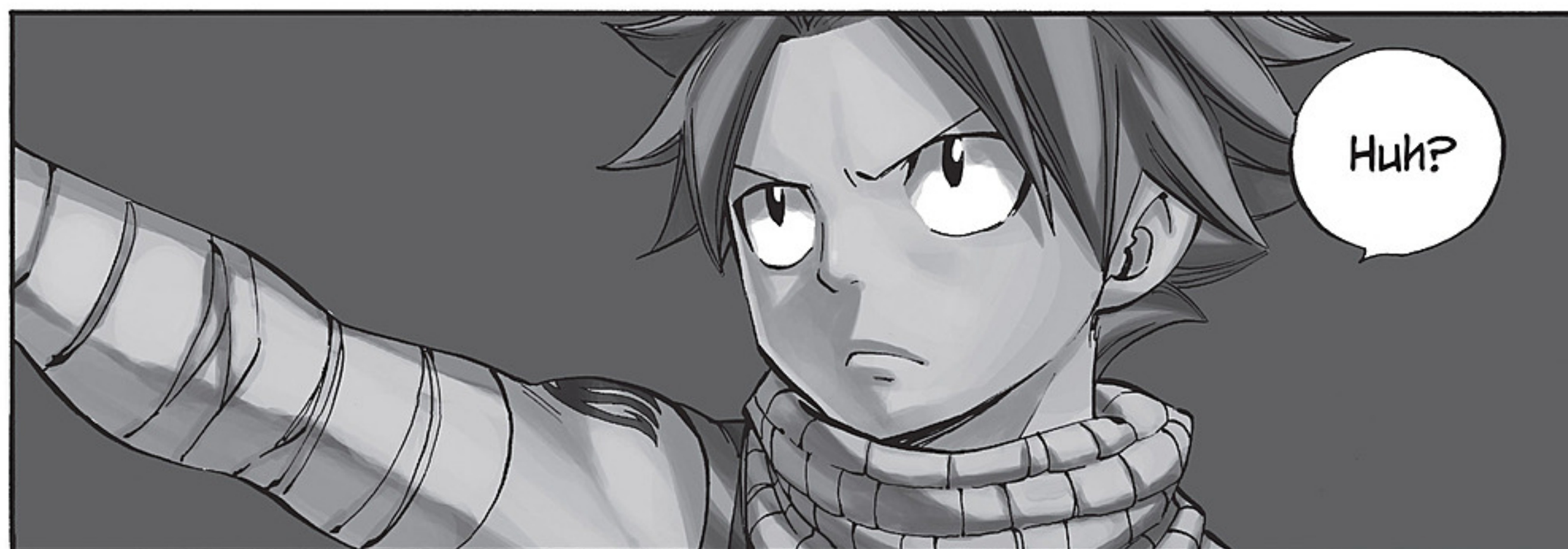
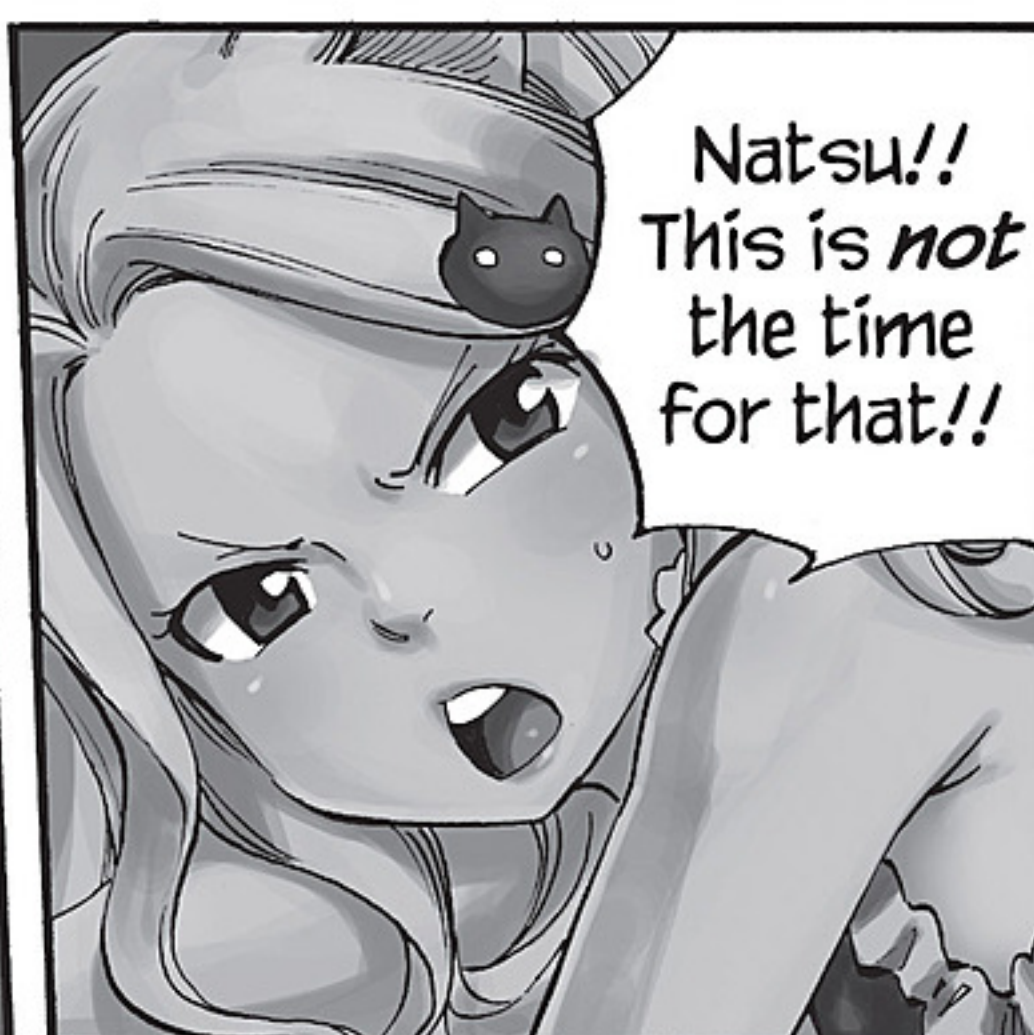
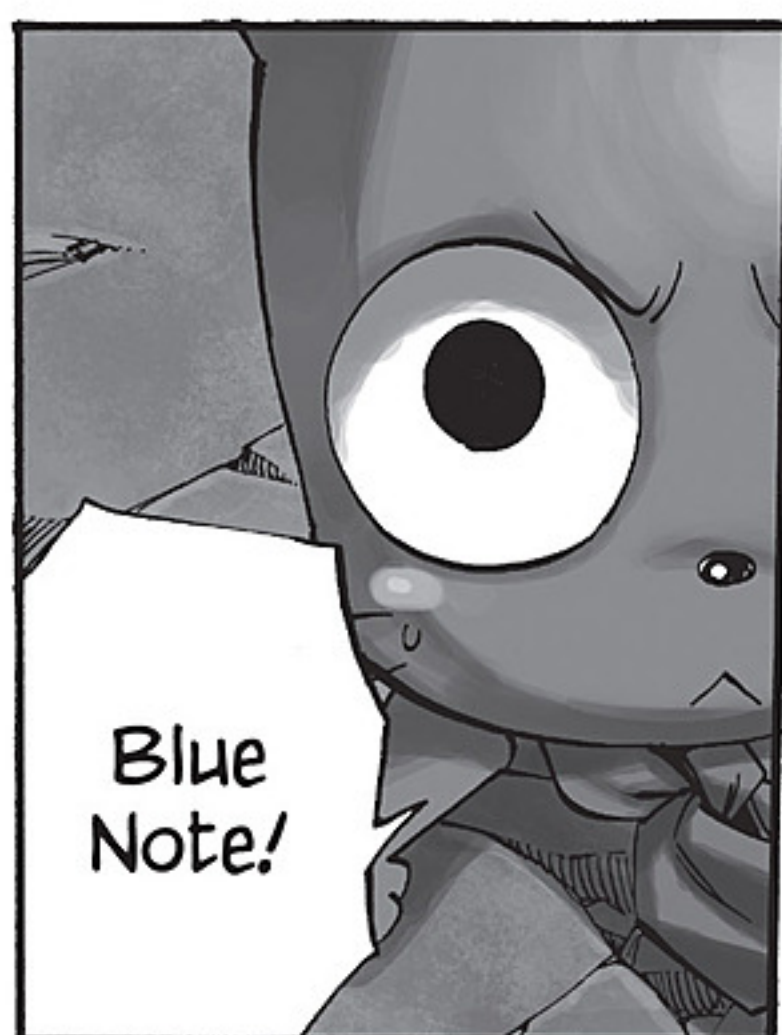


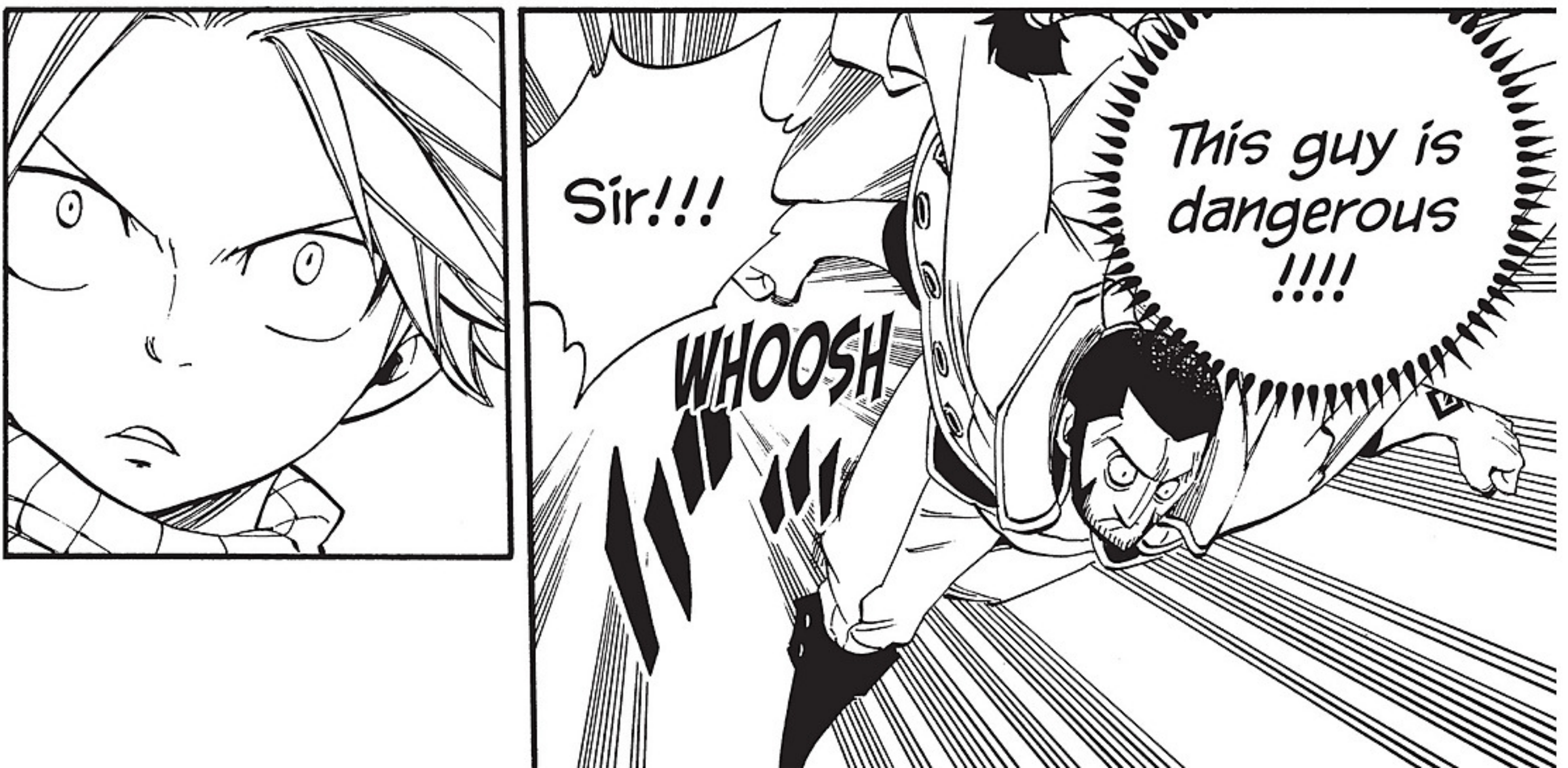


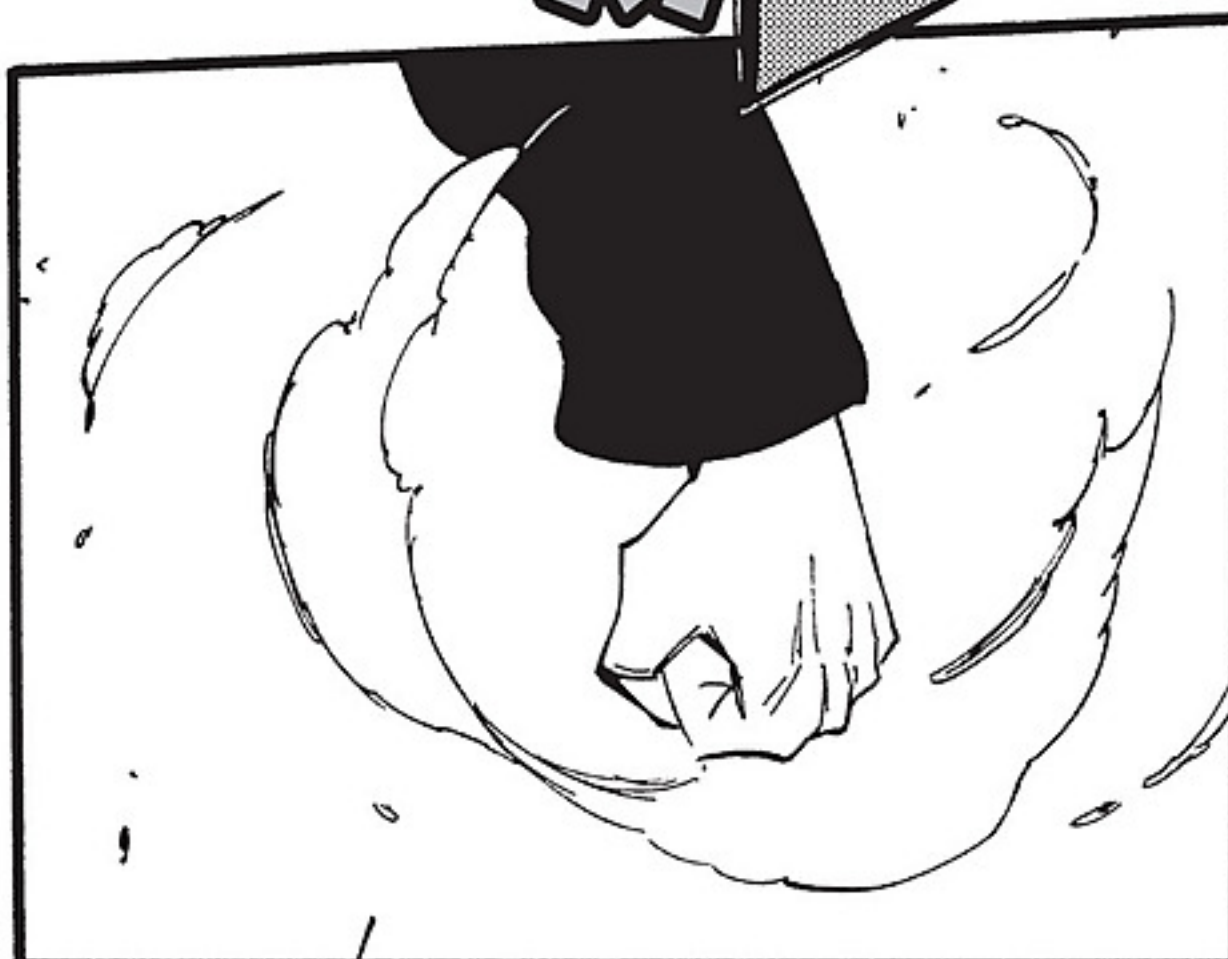
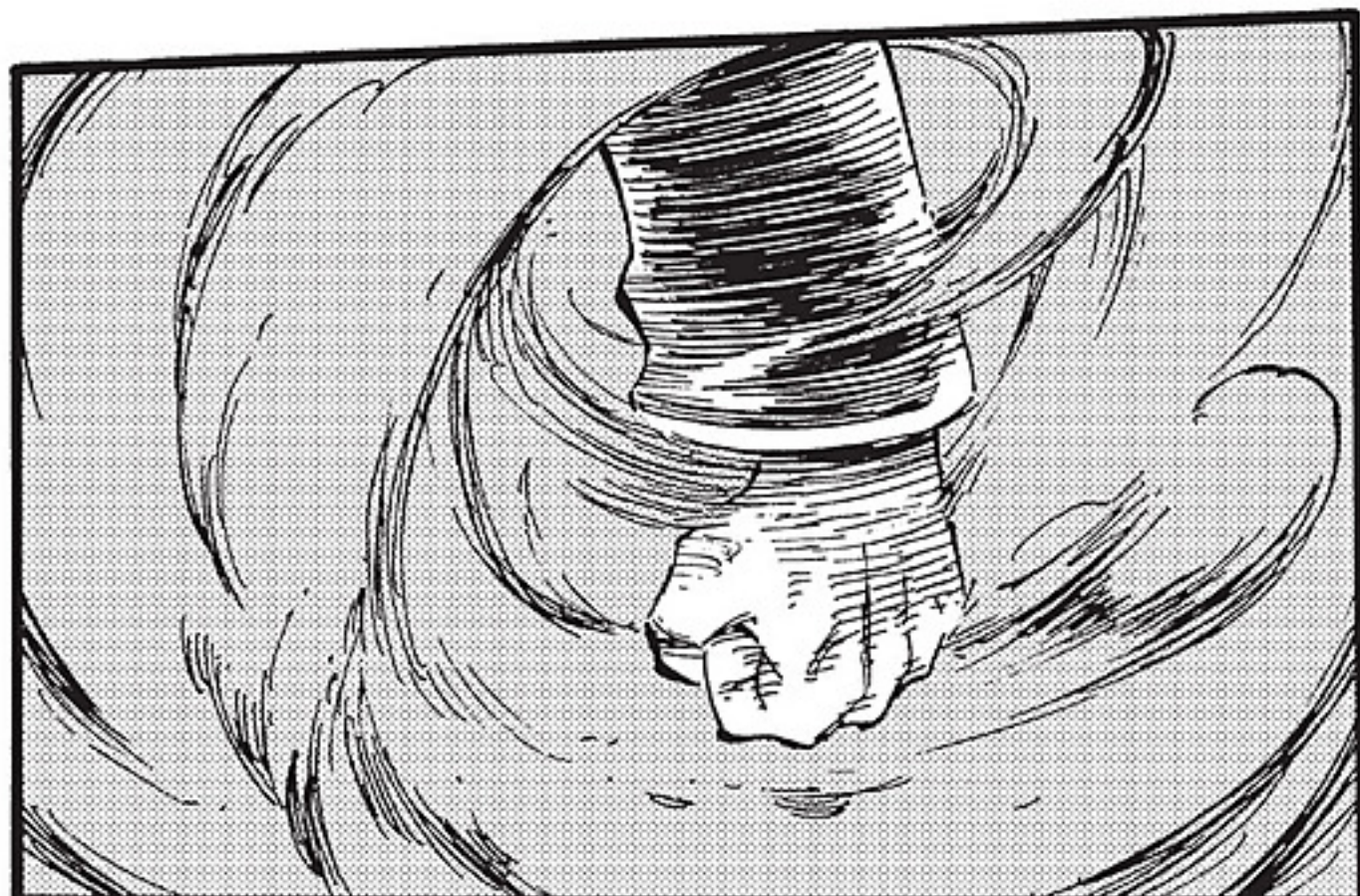
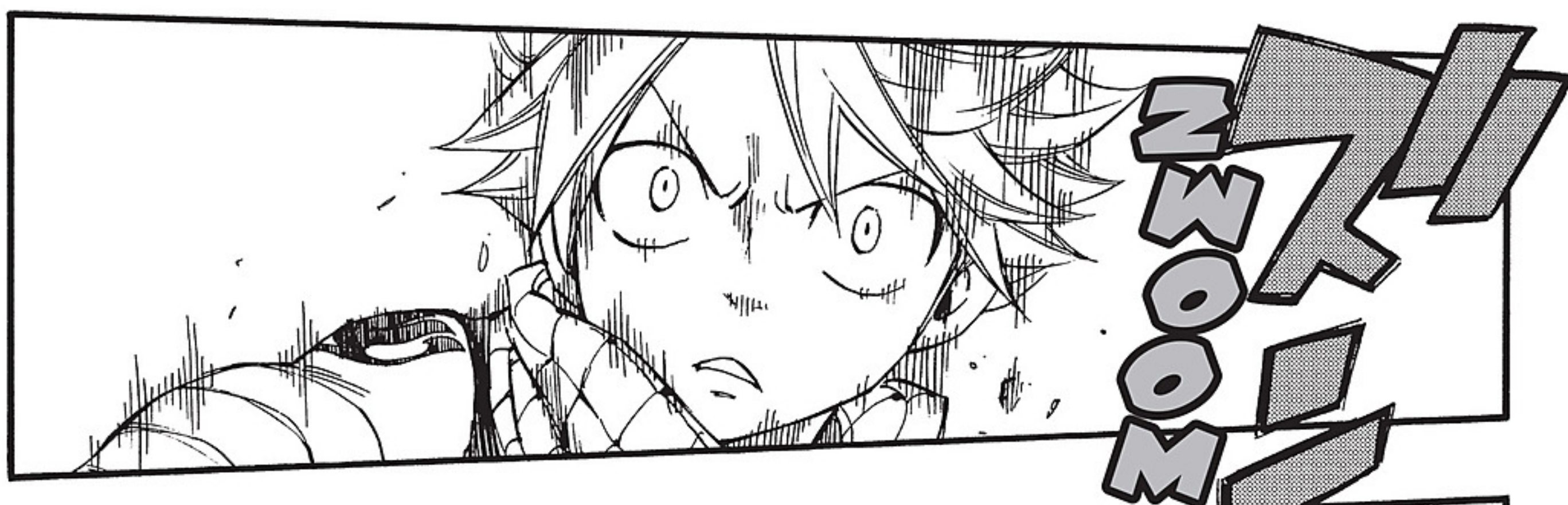
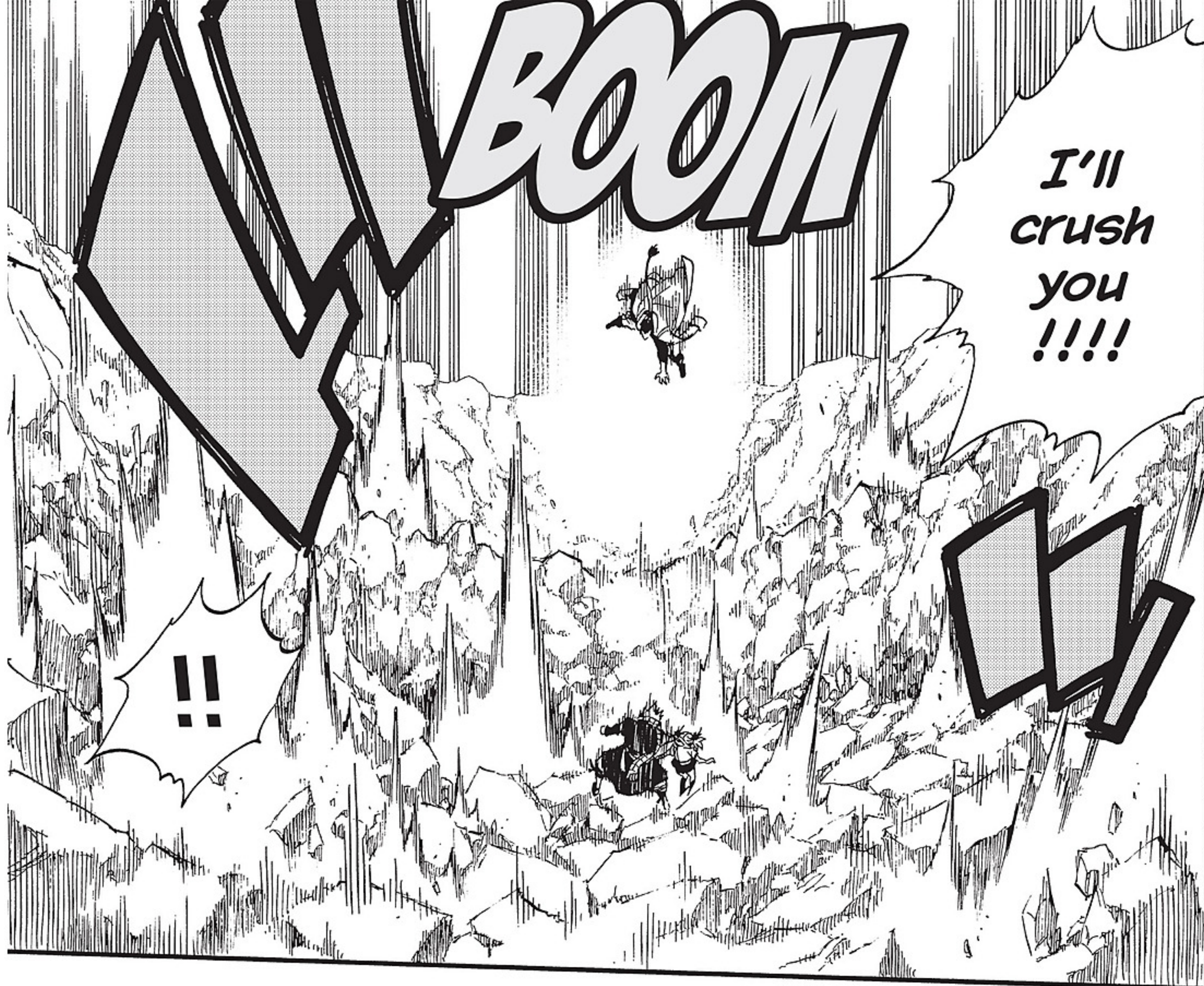
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Chapter 423: Do It All for Love





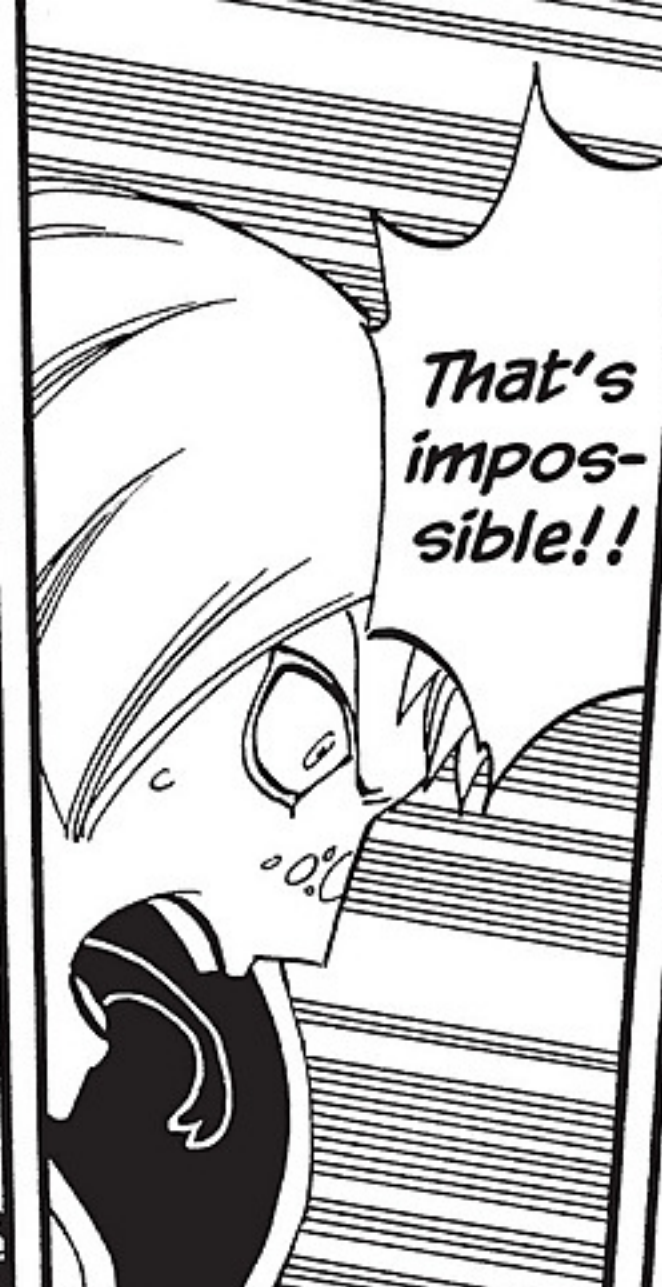


*Nobody's
gettin'
crushed
!!!!*

BOOOON



Fairy
Tail will
never be
crushed
!!!!



*That's
impos-
sible!!*



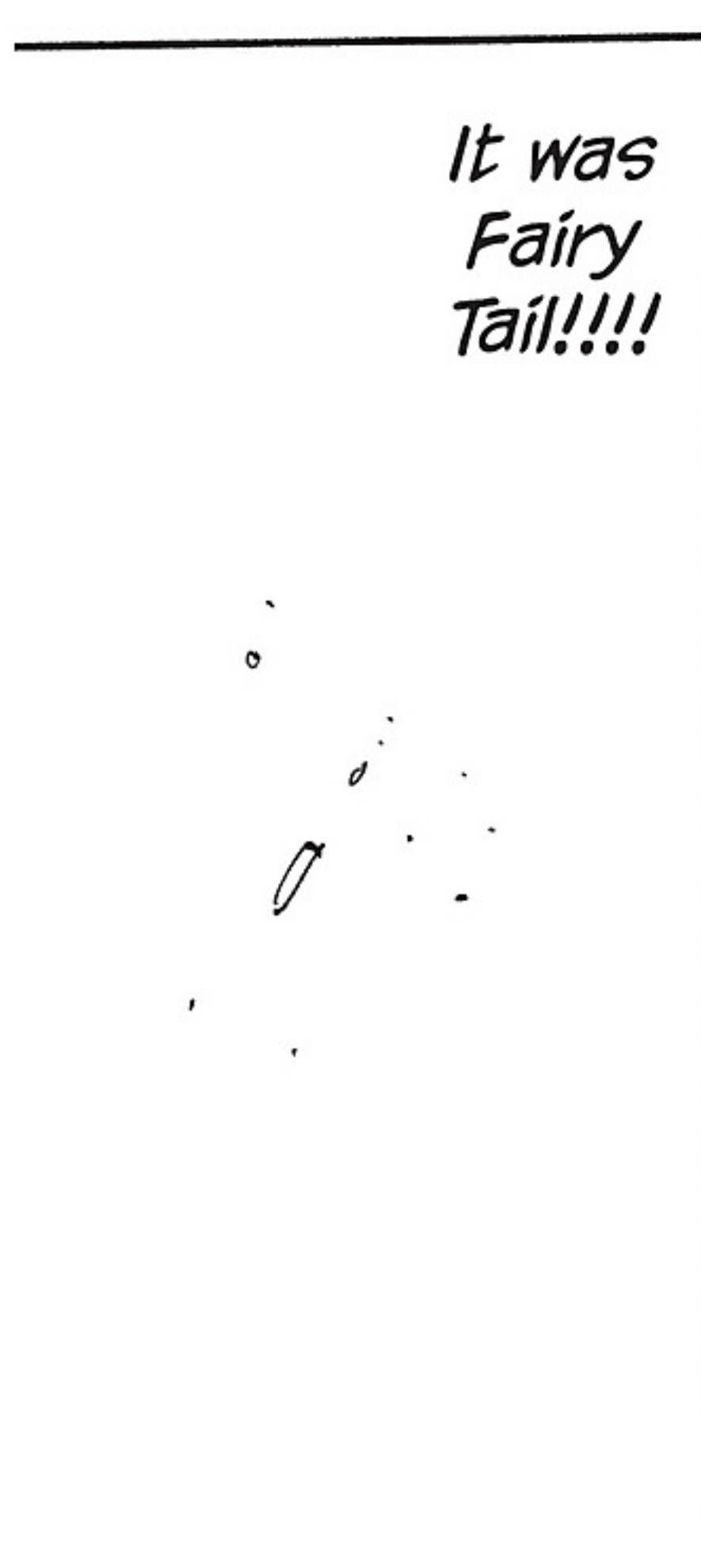
He's
using
fire...

...to lift
up the
ground
!!!!

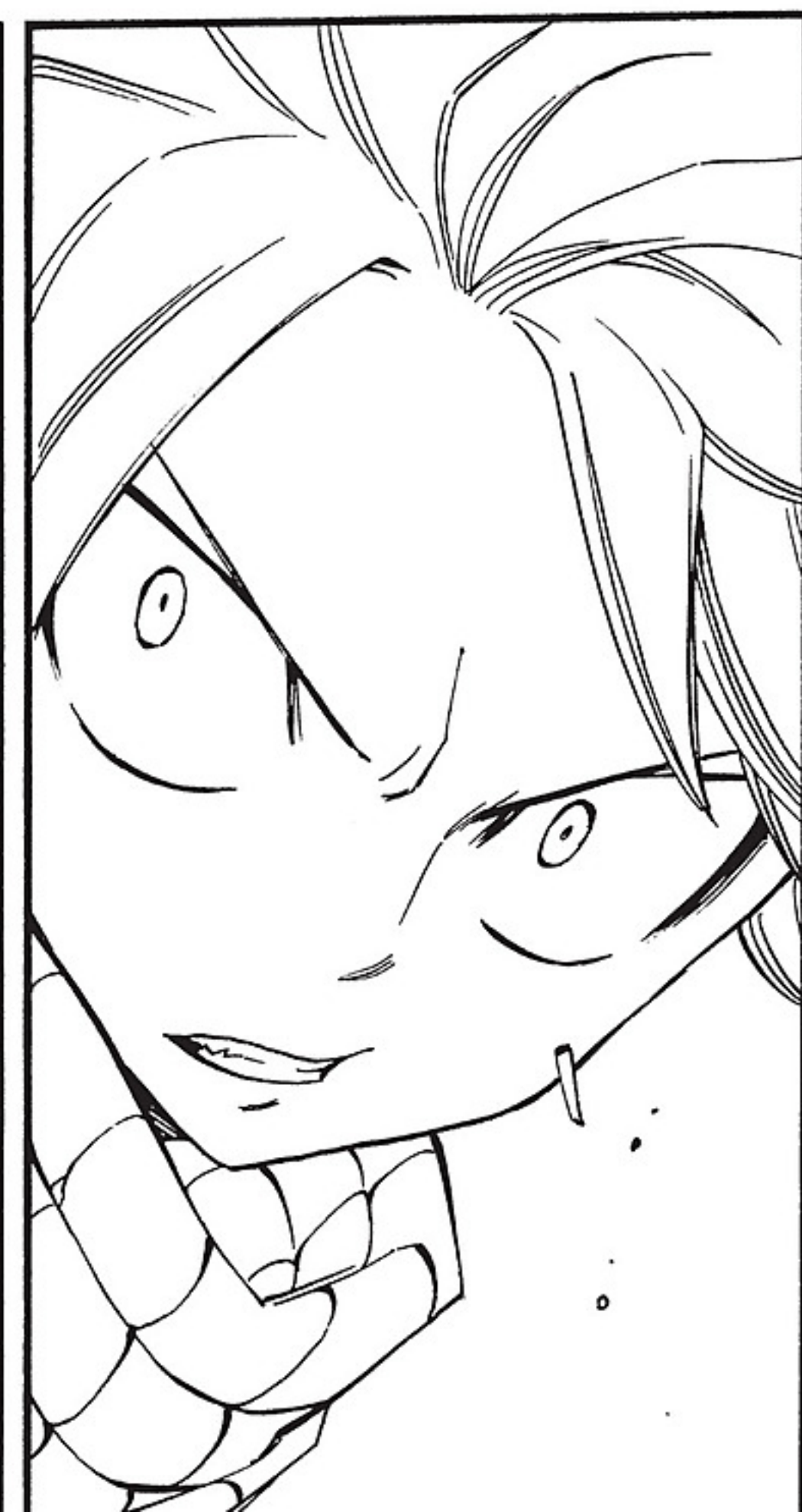


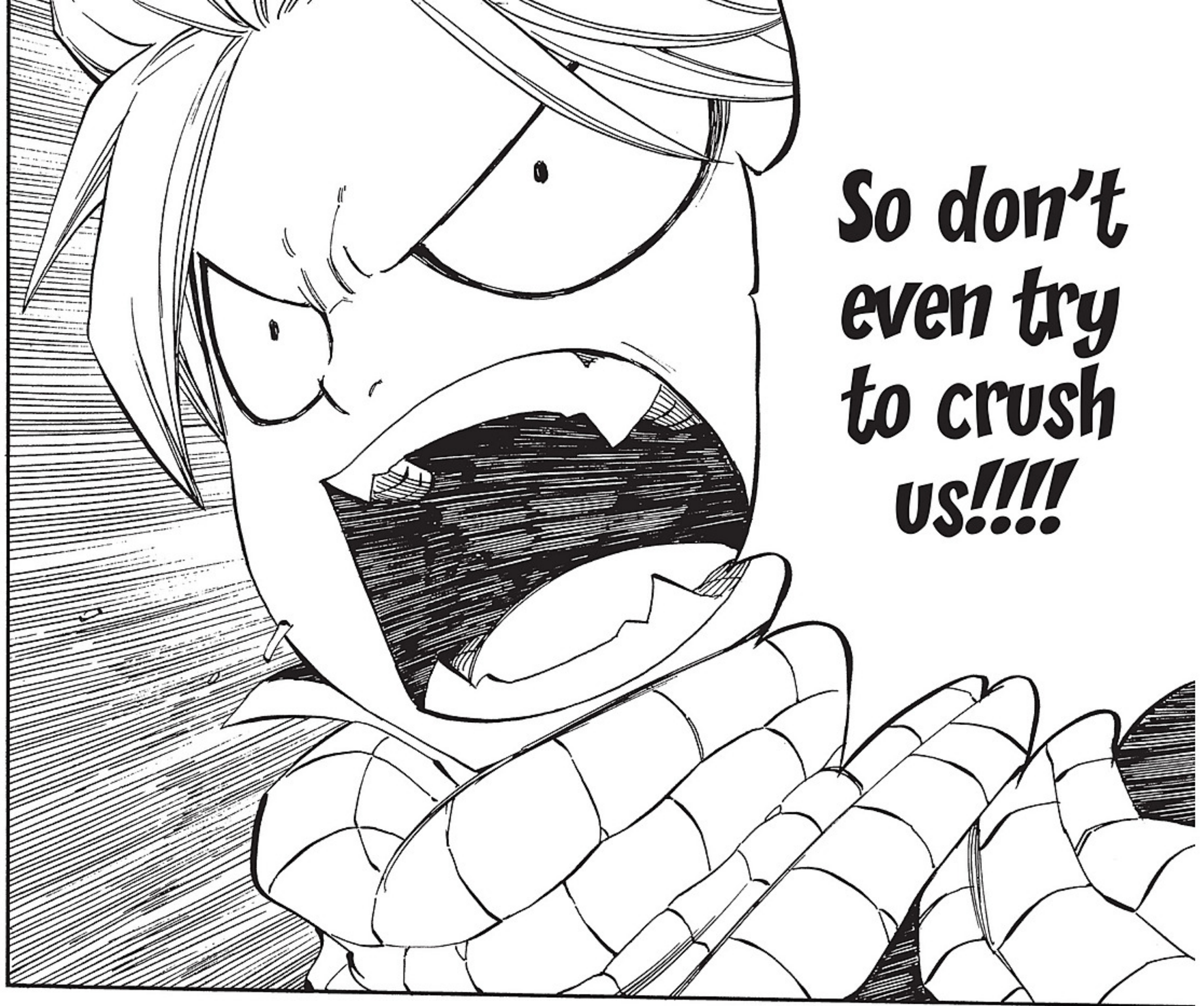
Fairy
Tail?!!

I
remember
now!!

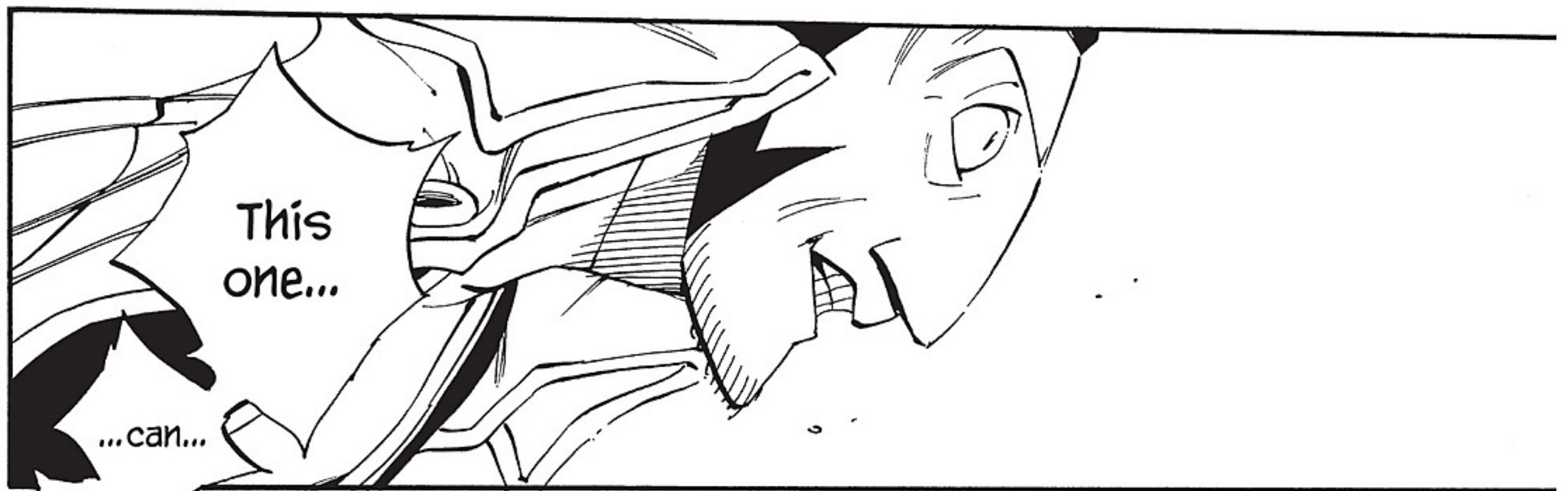


It was
Fairy
Tail!!!!



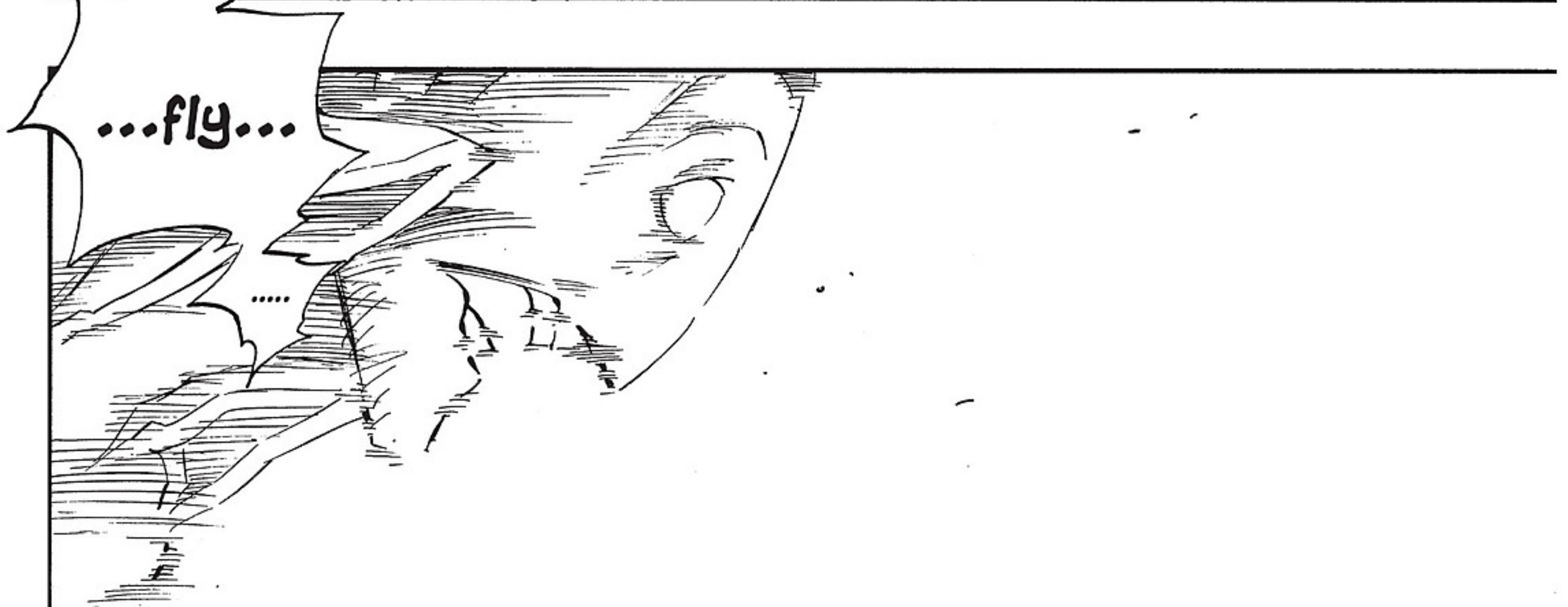


***So don't
even try
to crush
us!!!!***



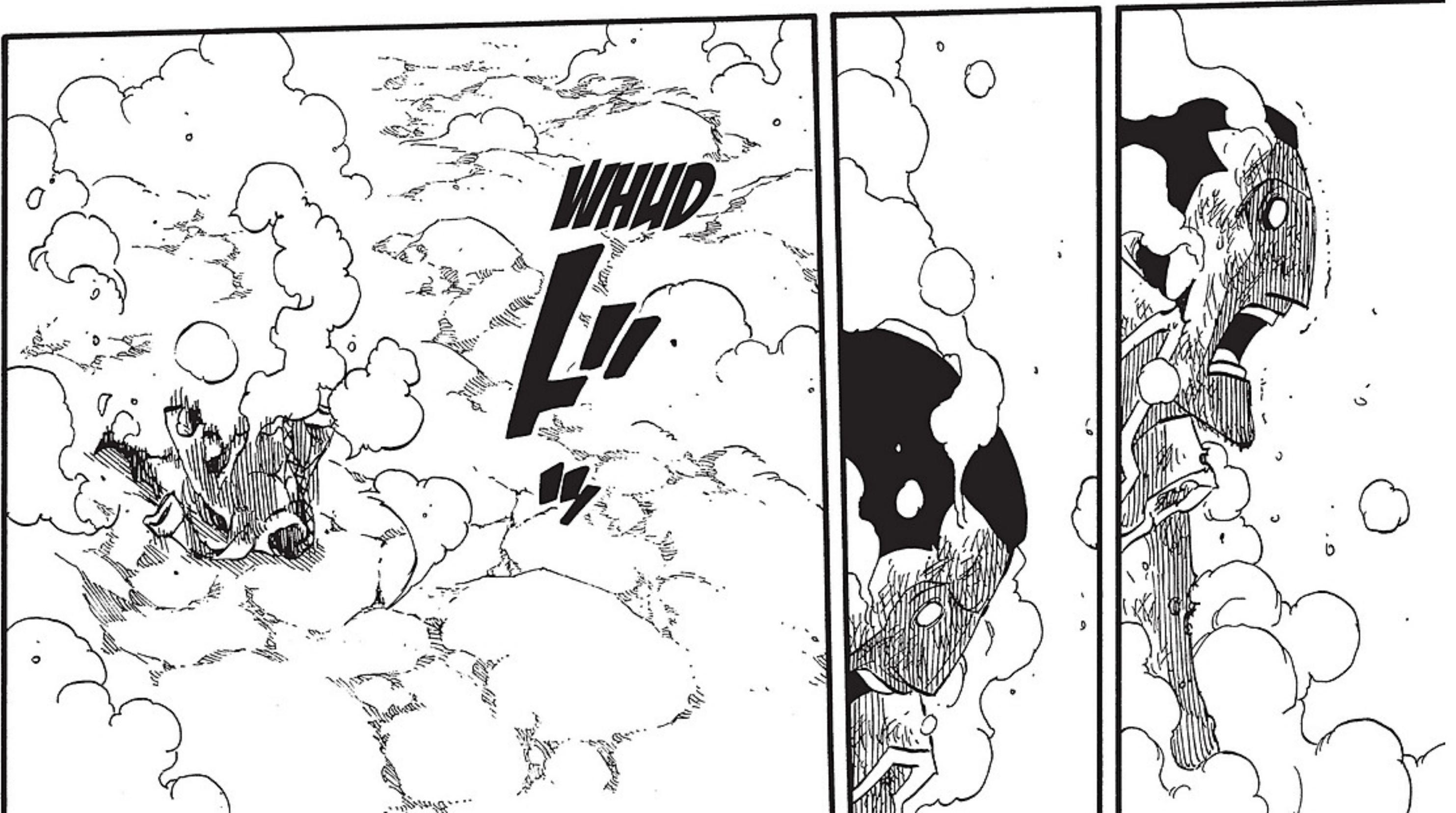
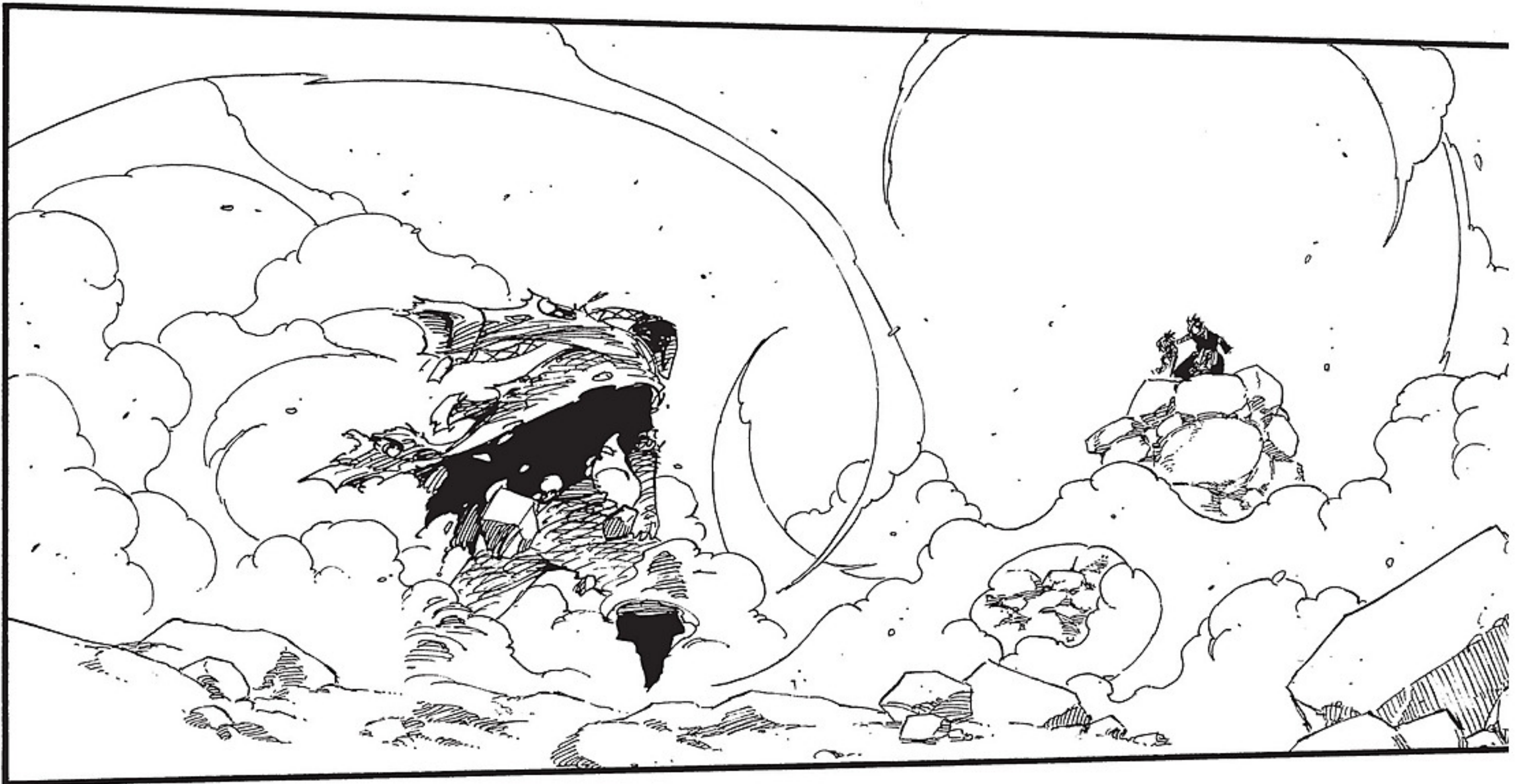
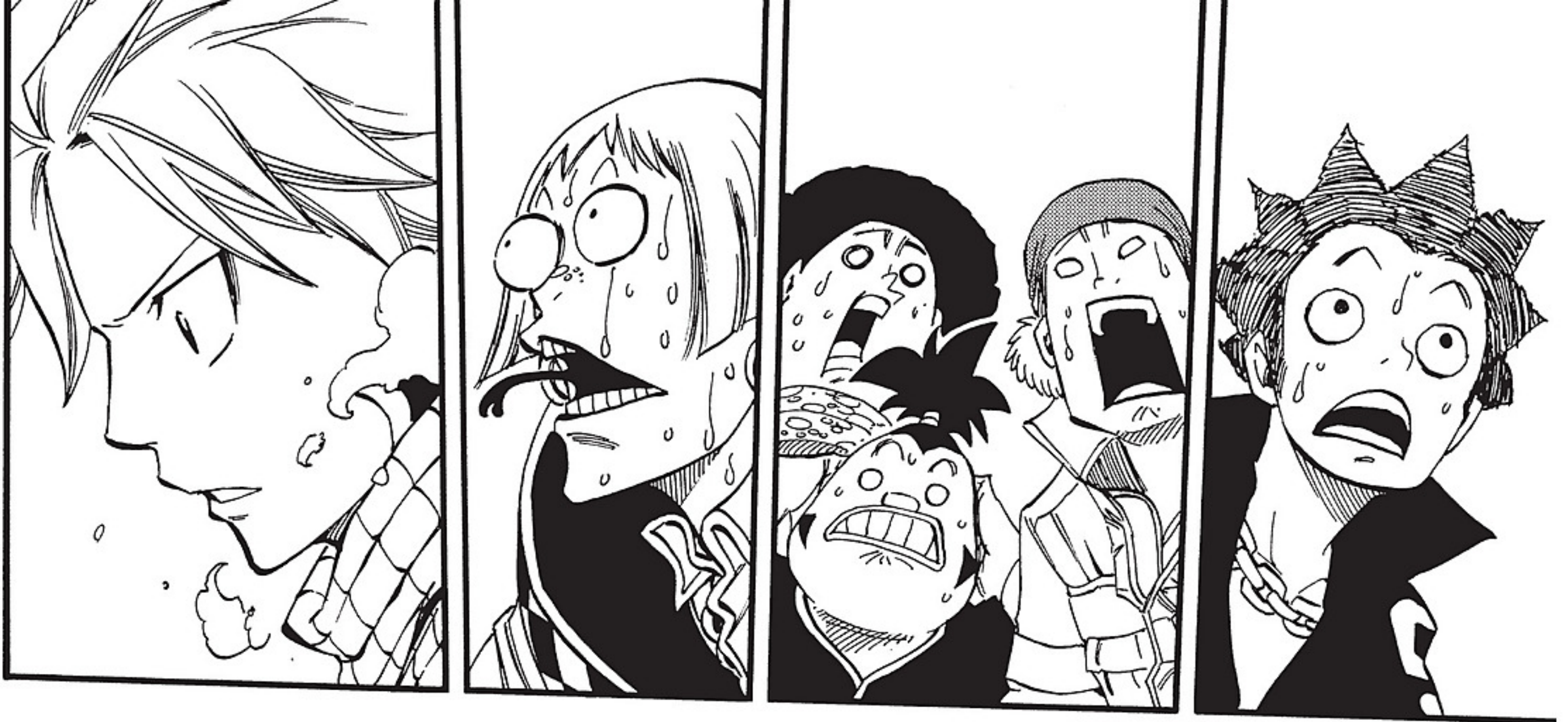
***This
one...***

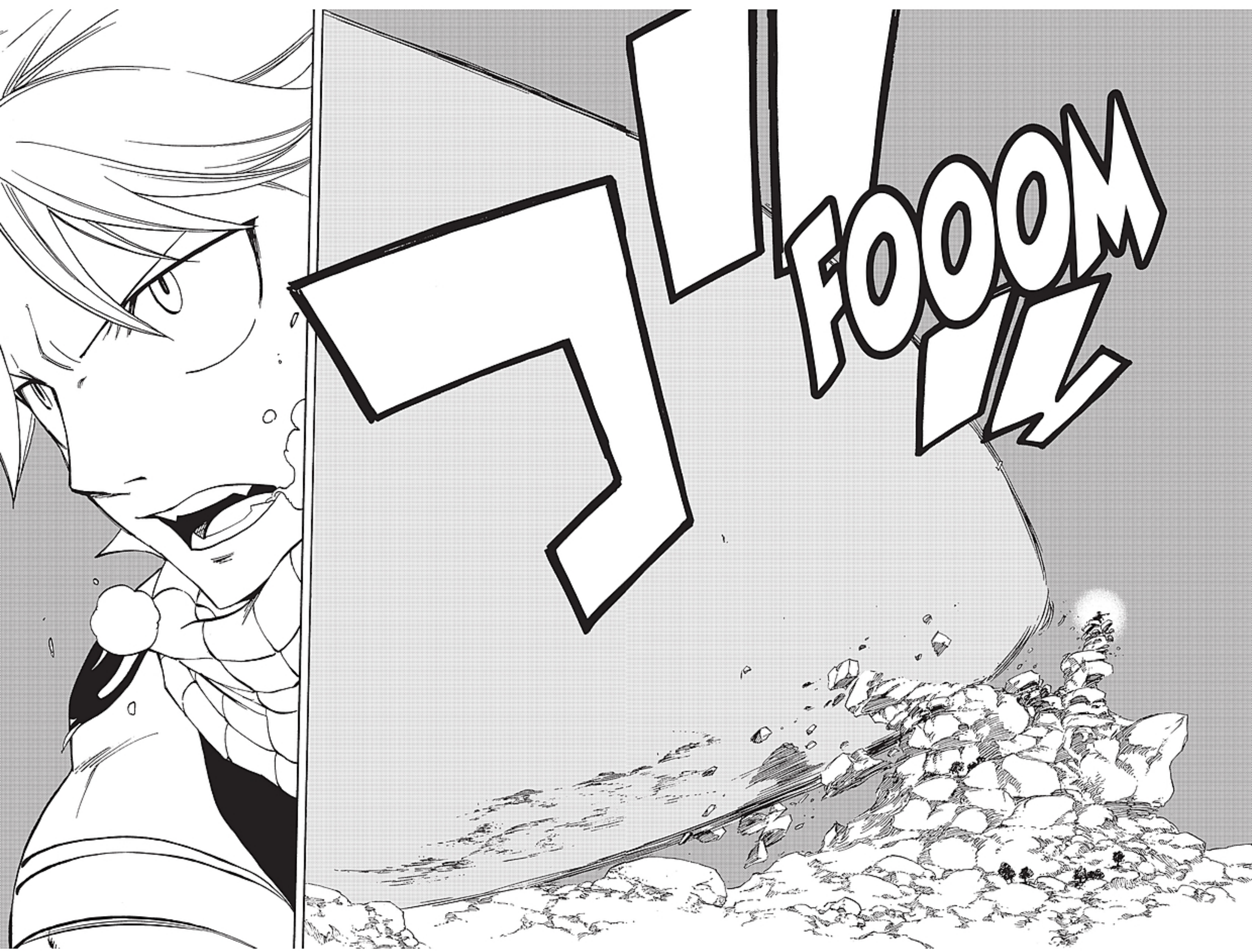
...can...

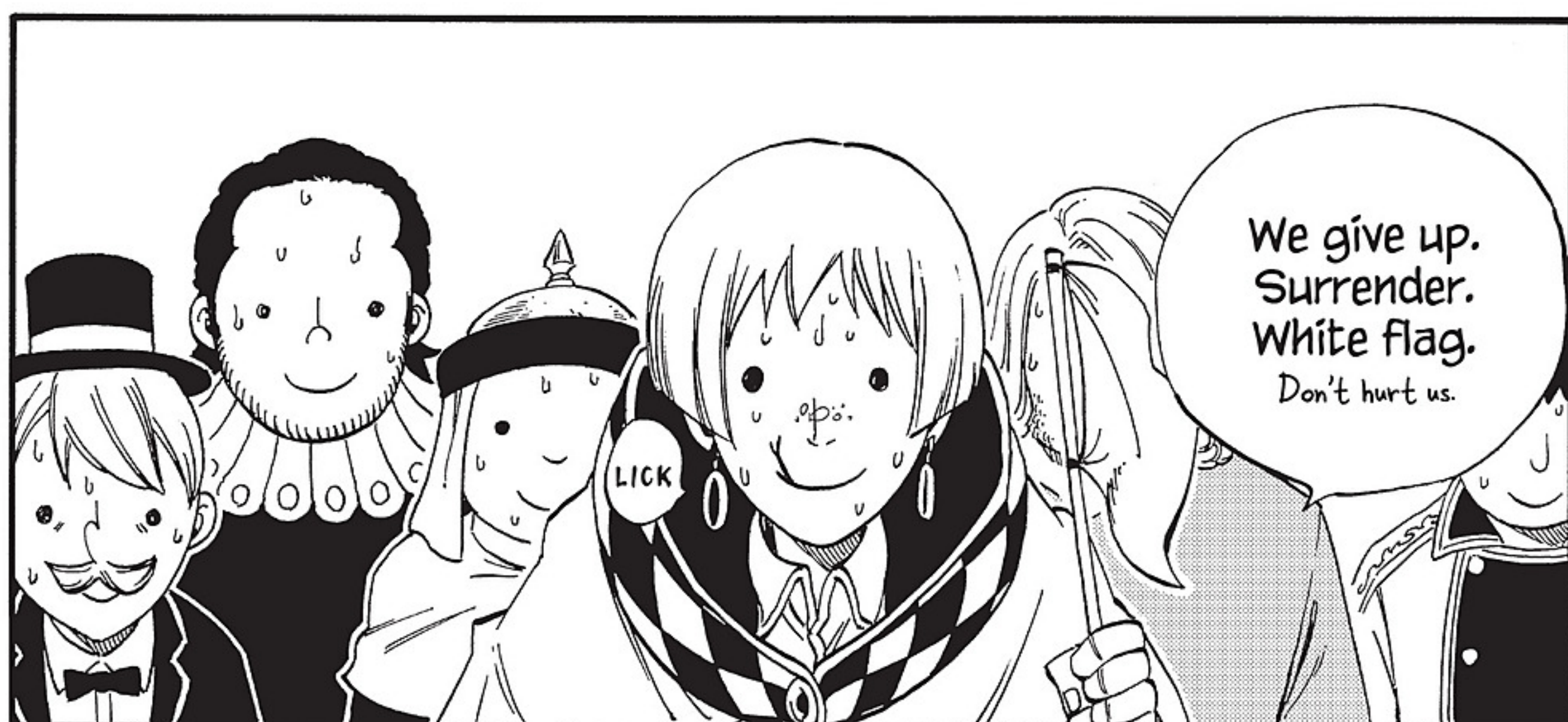
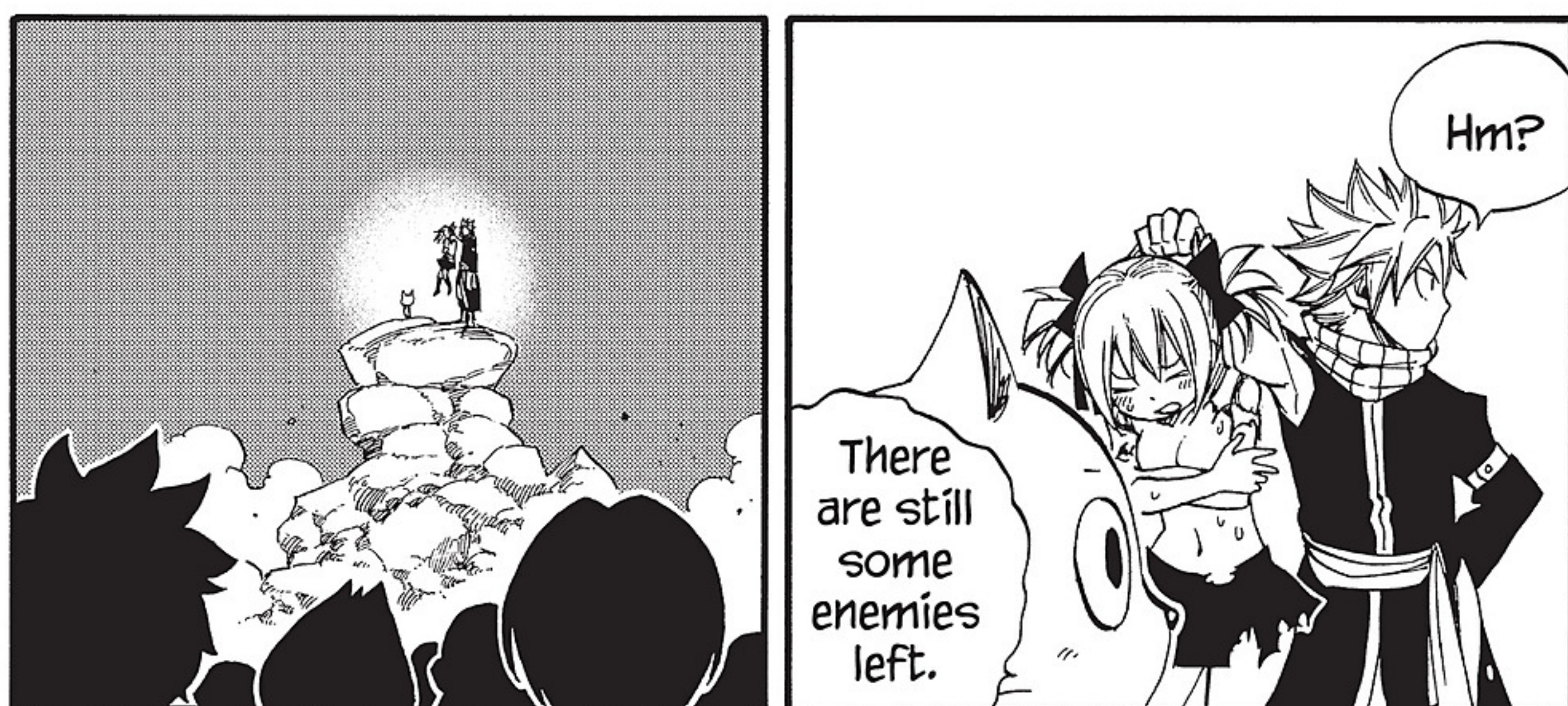
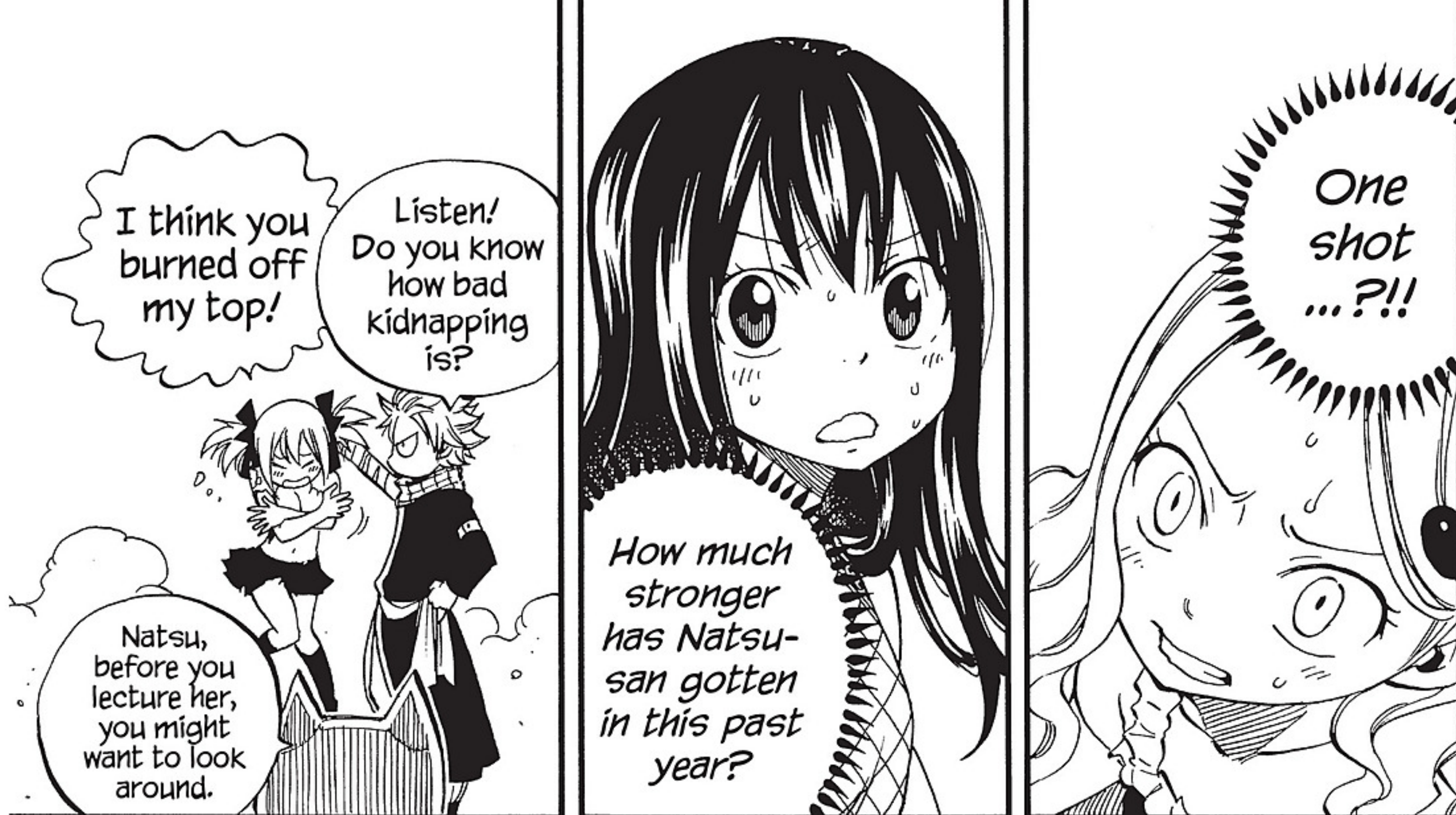


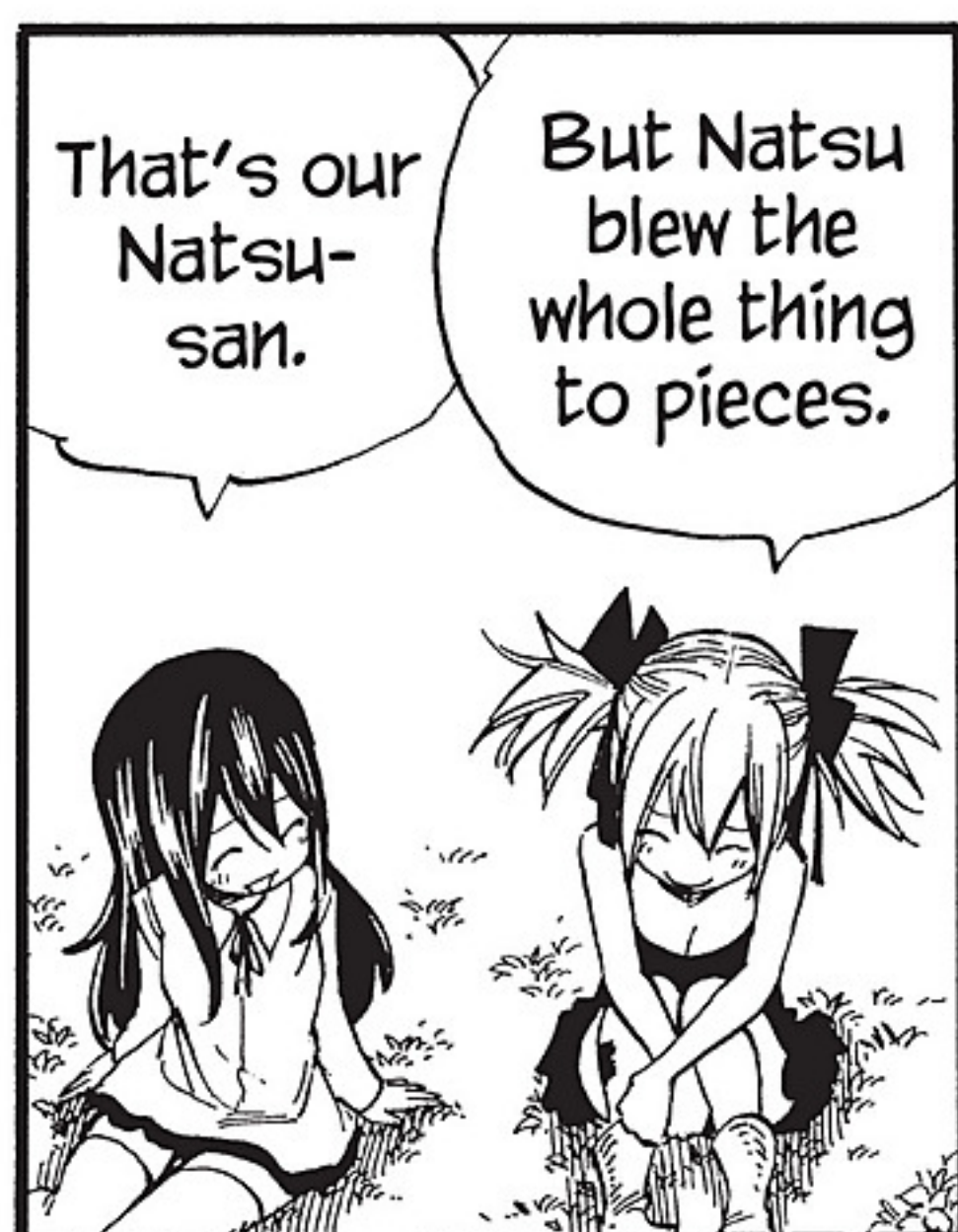
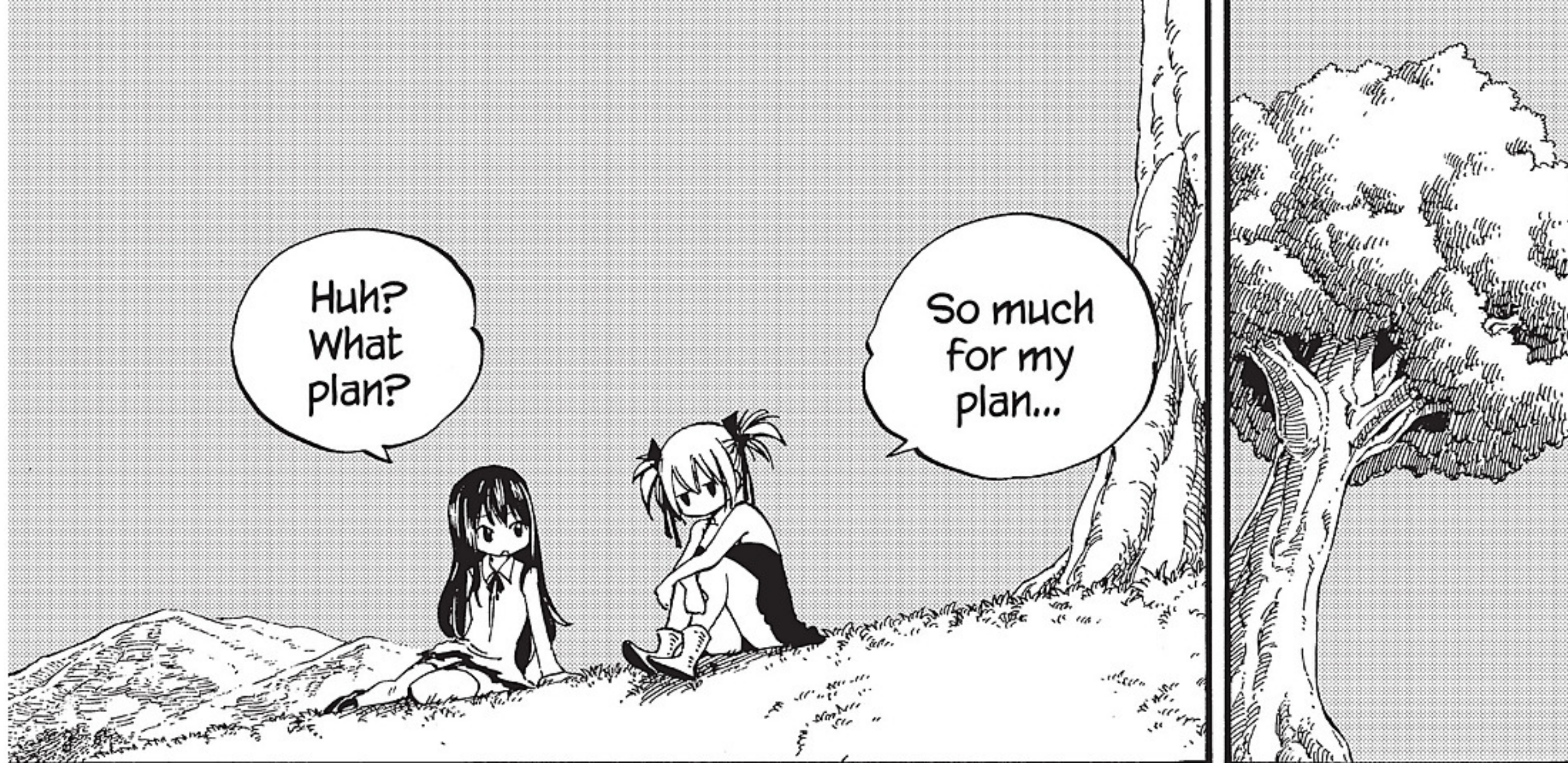
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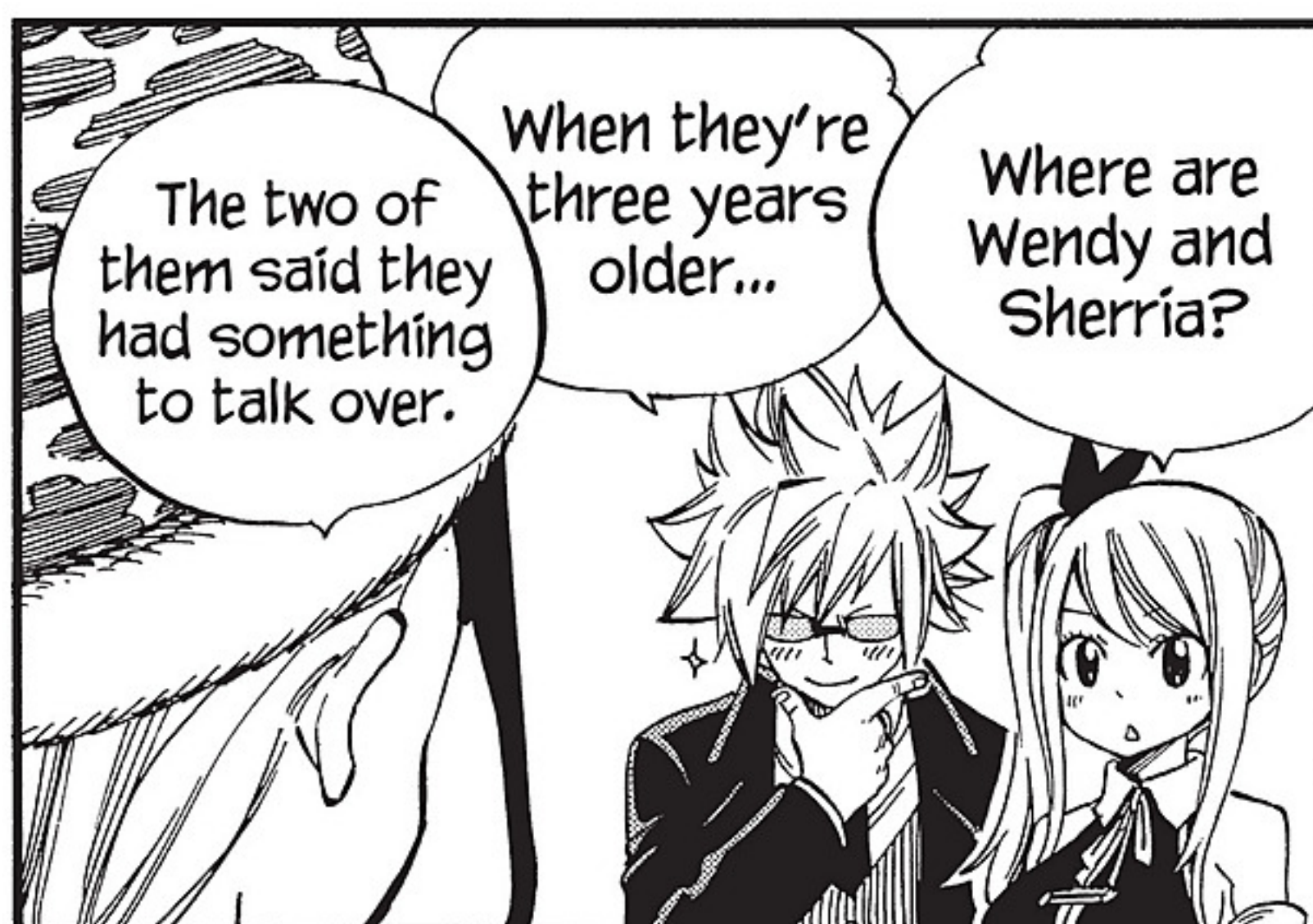
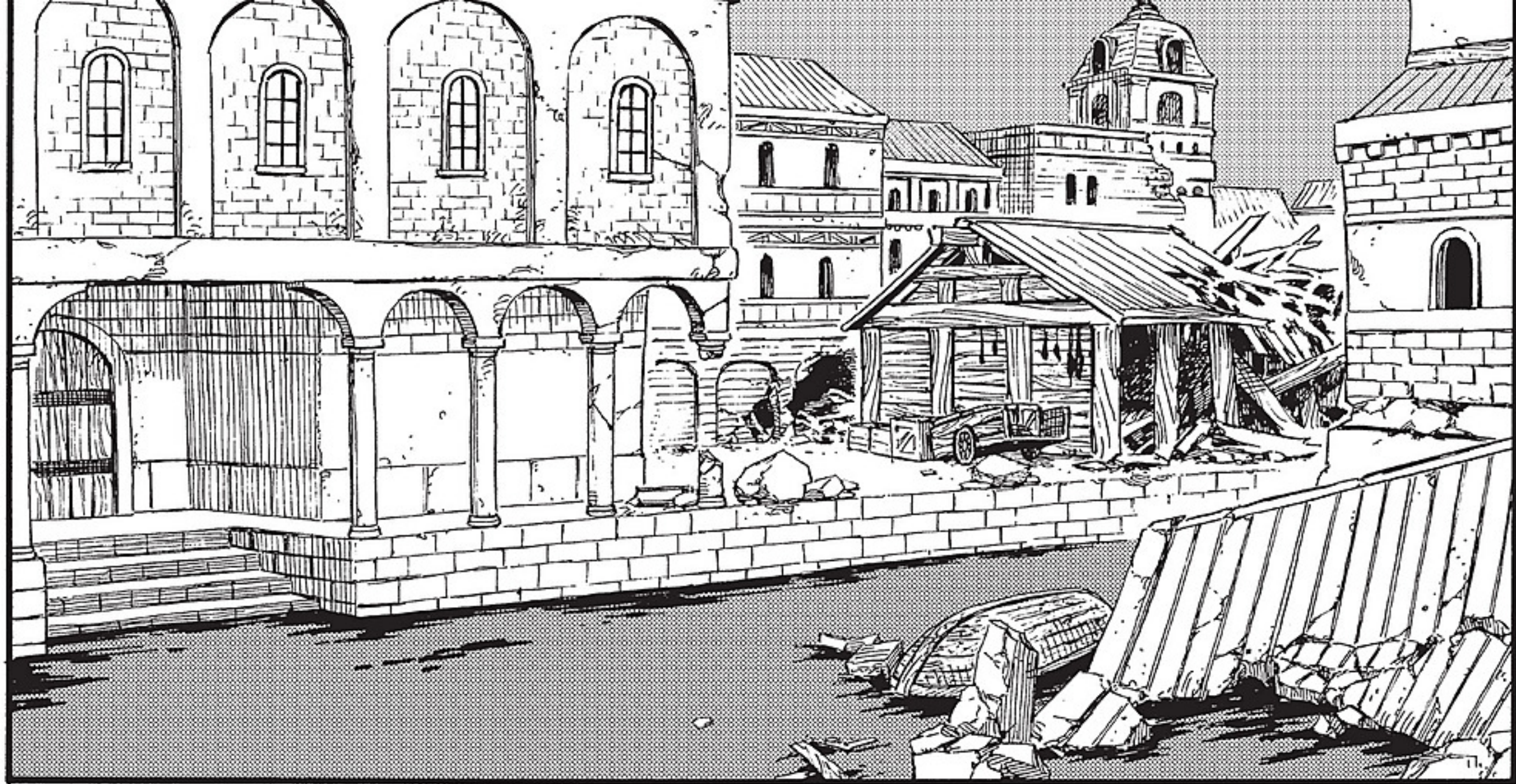


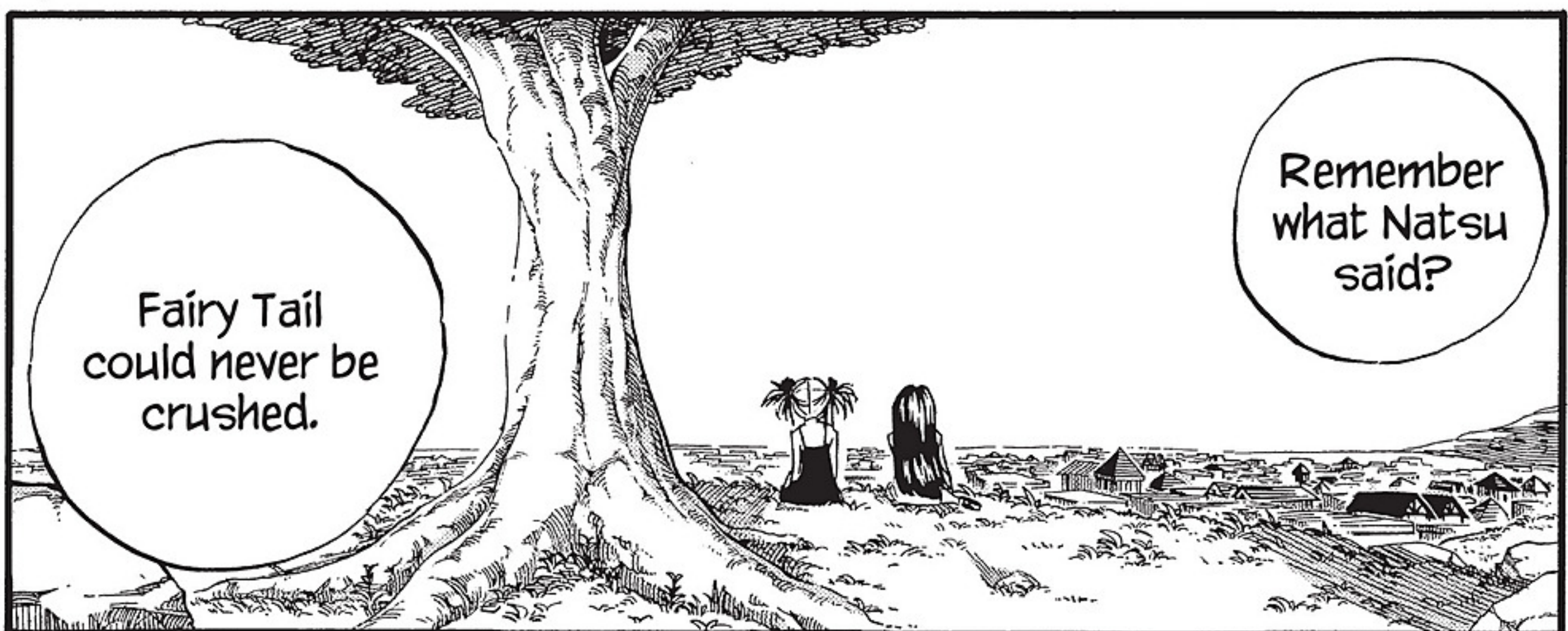
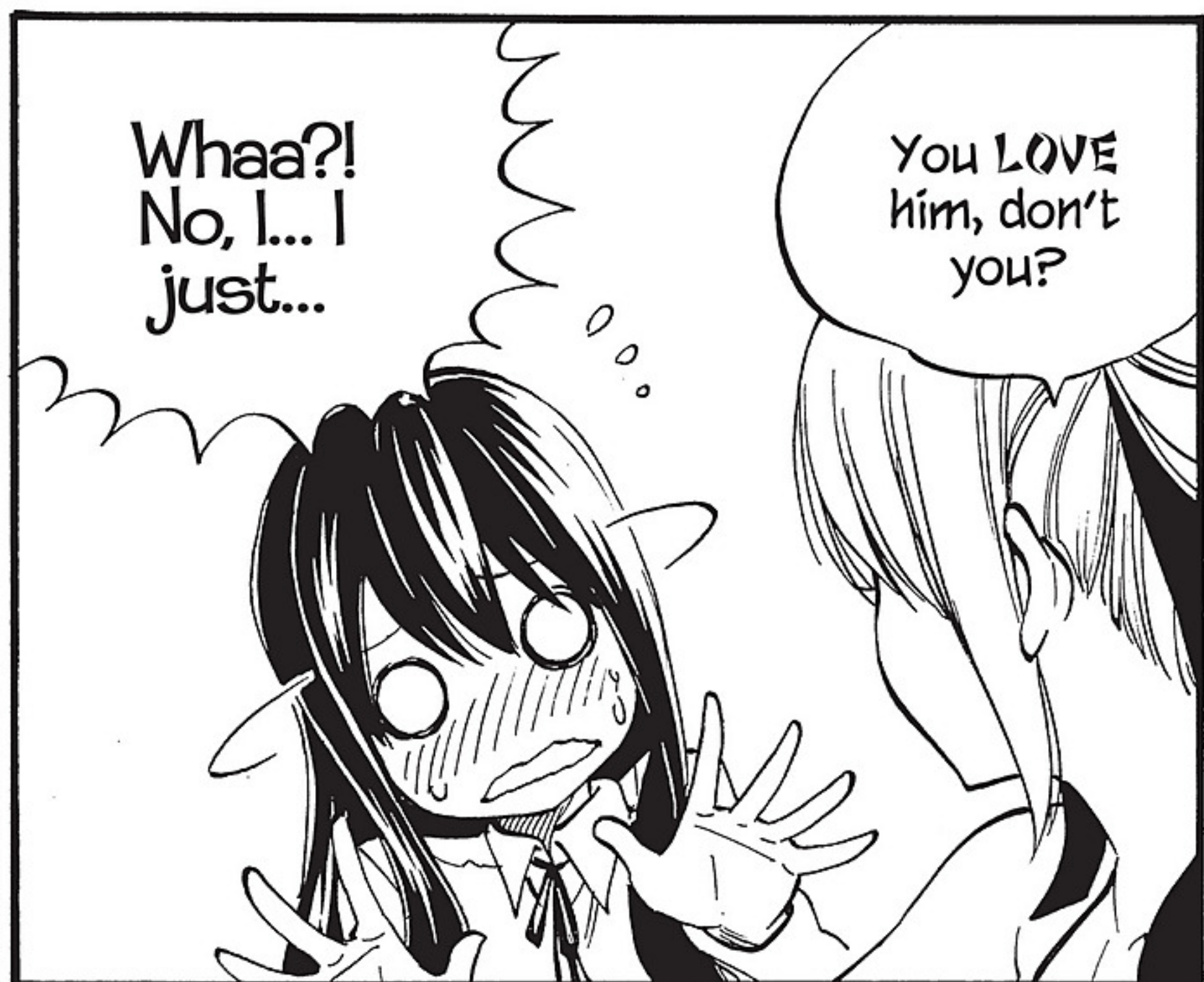


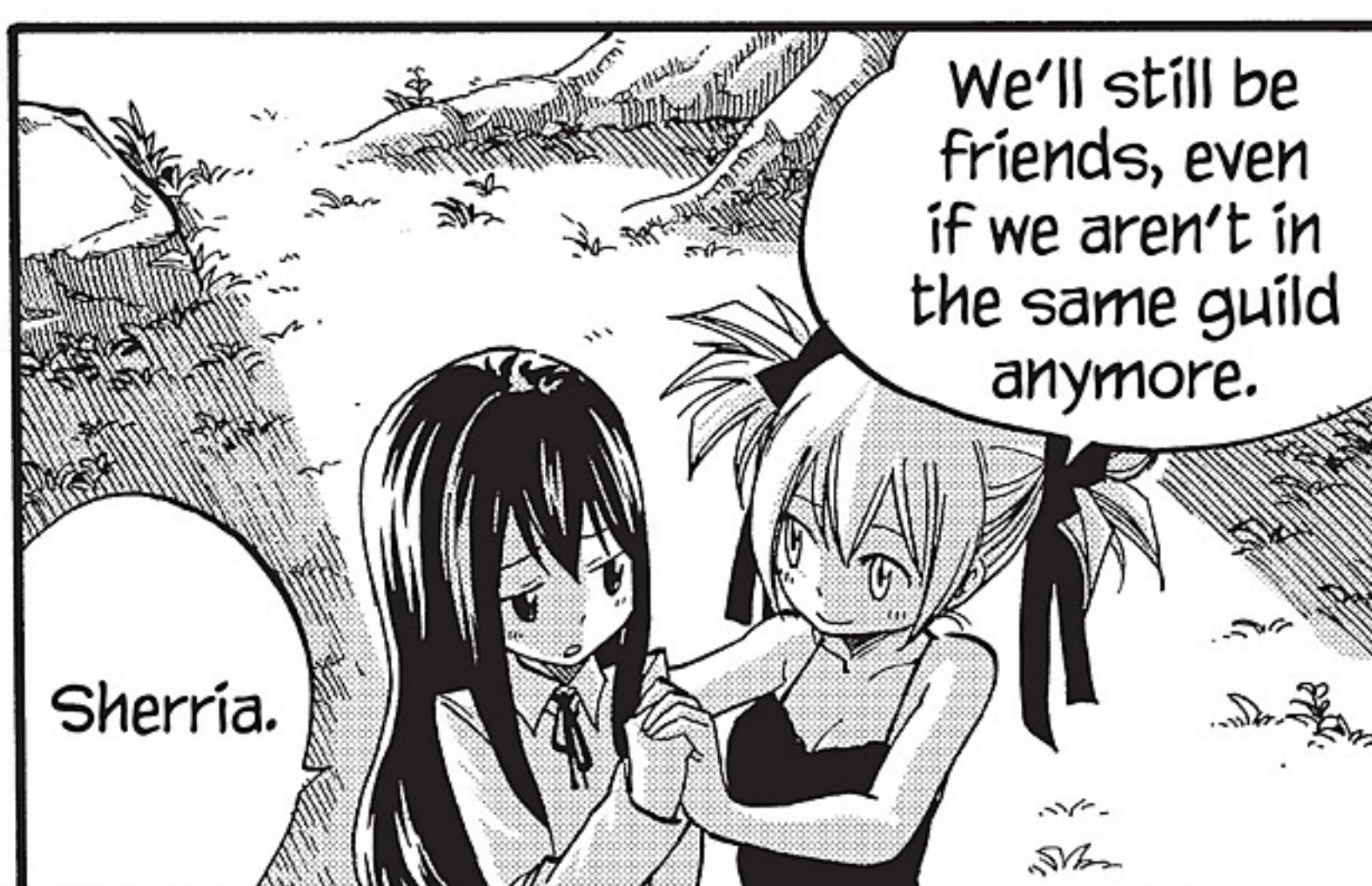
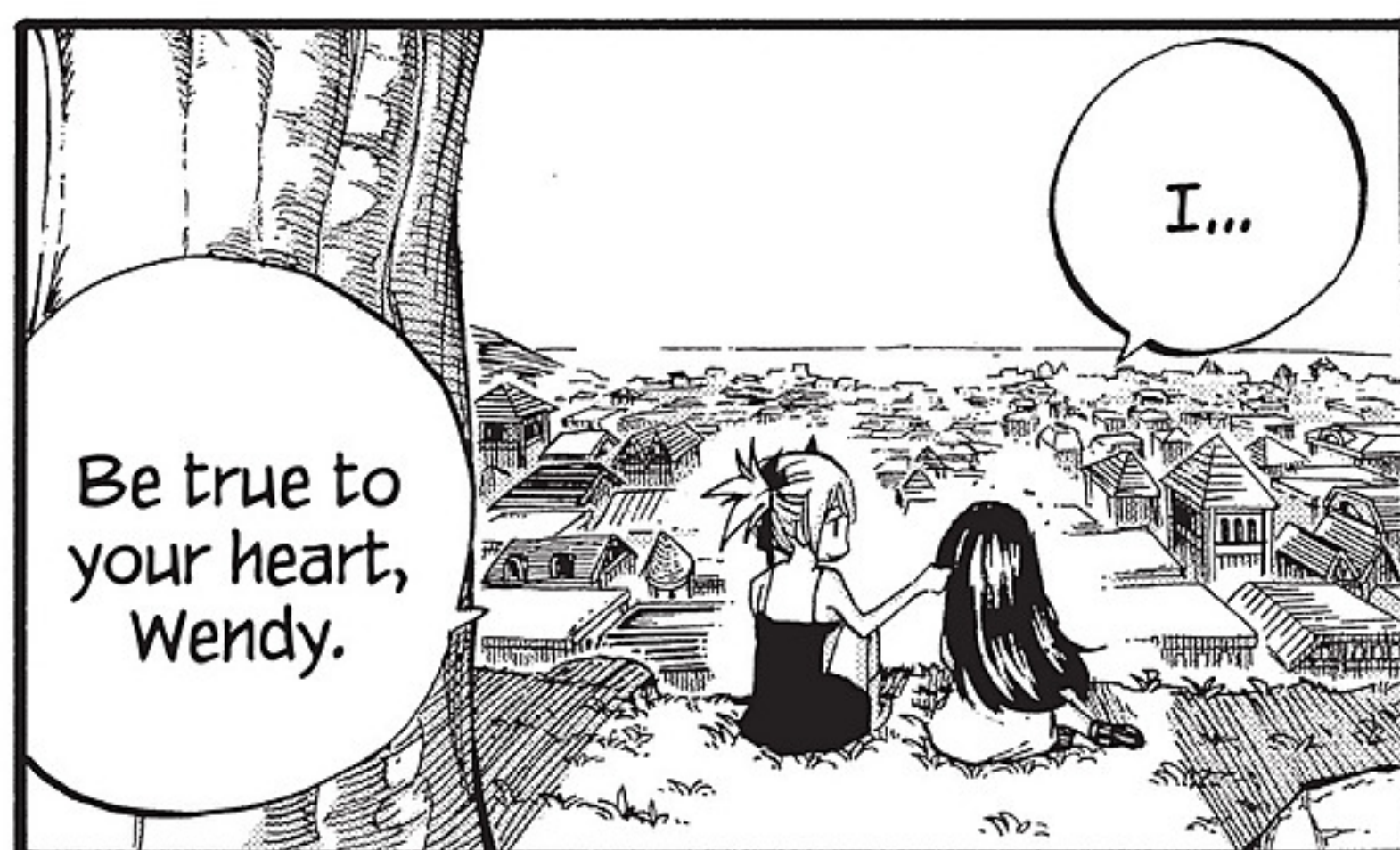




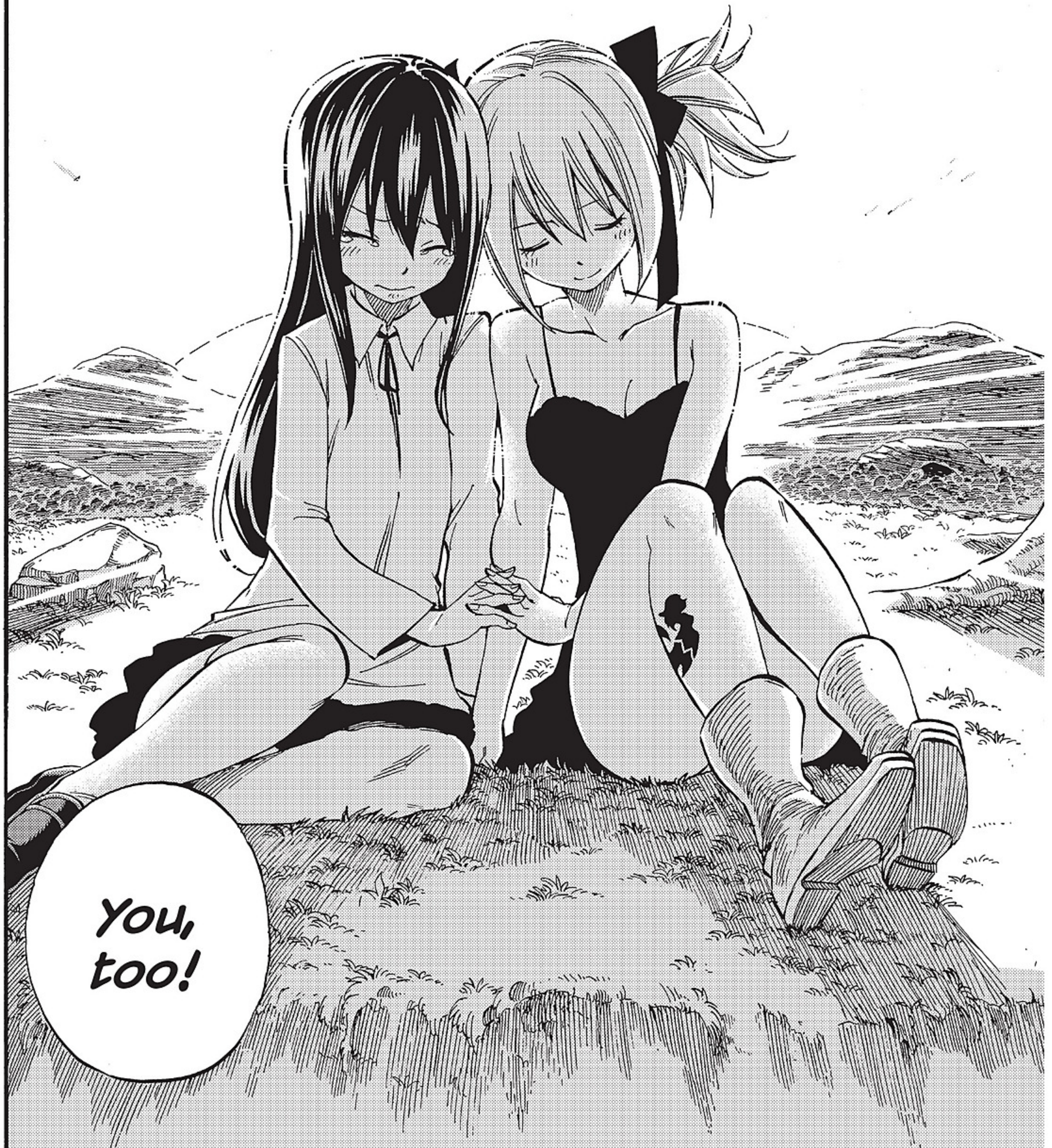




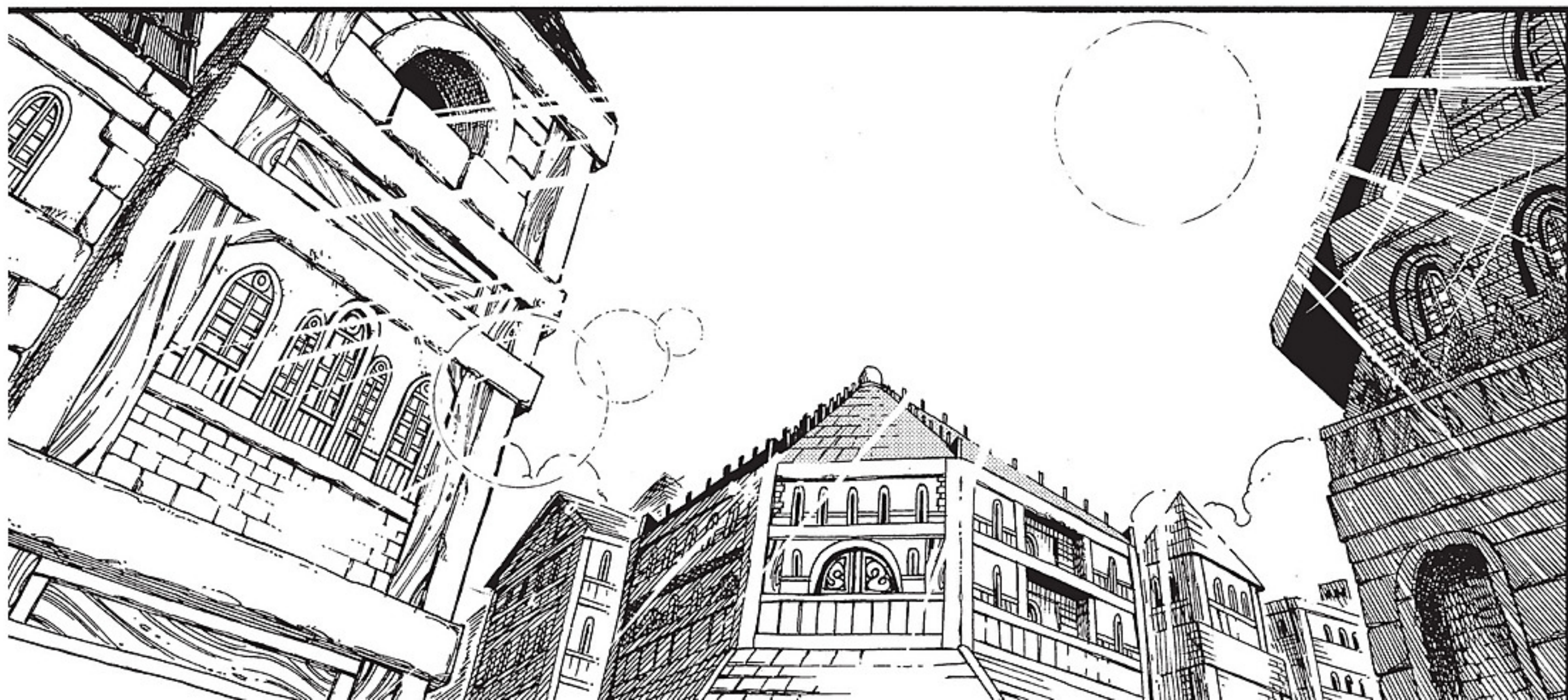
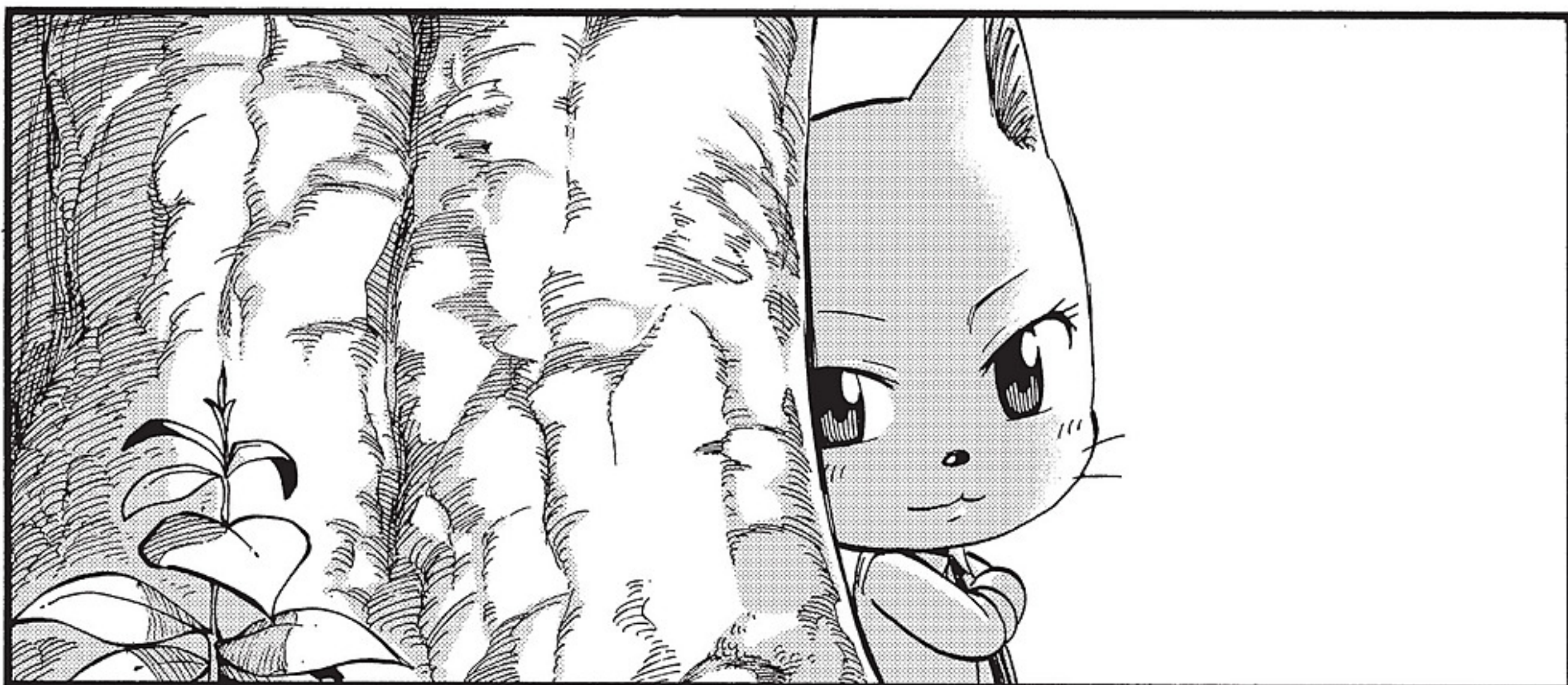


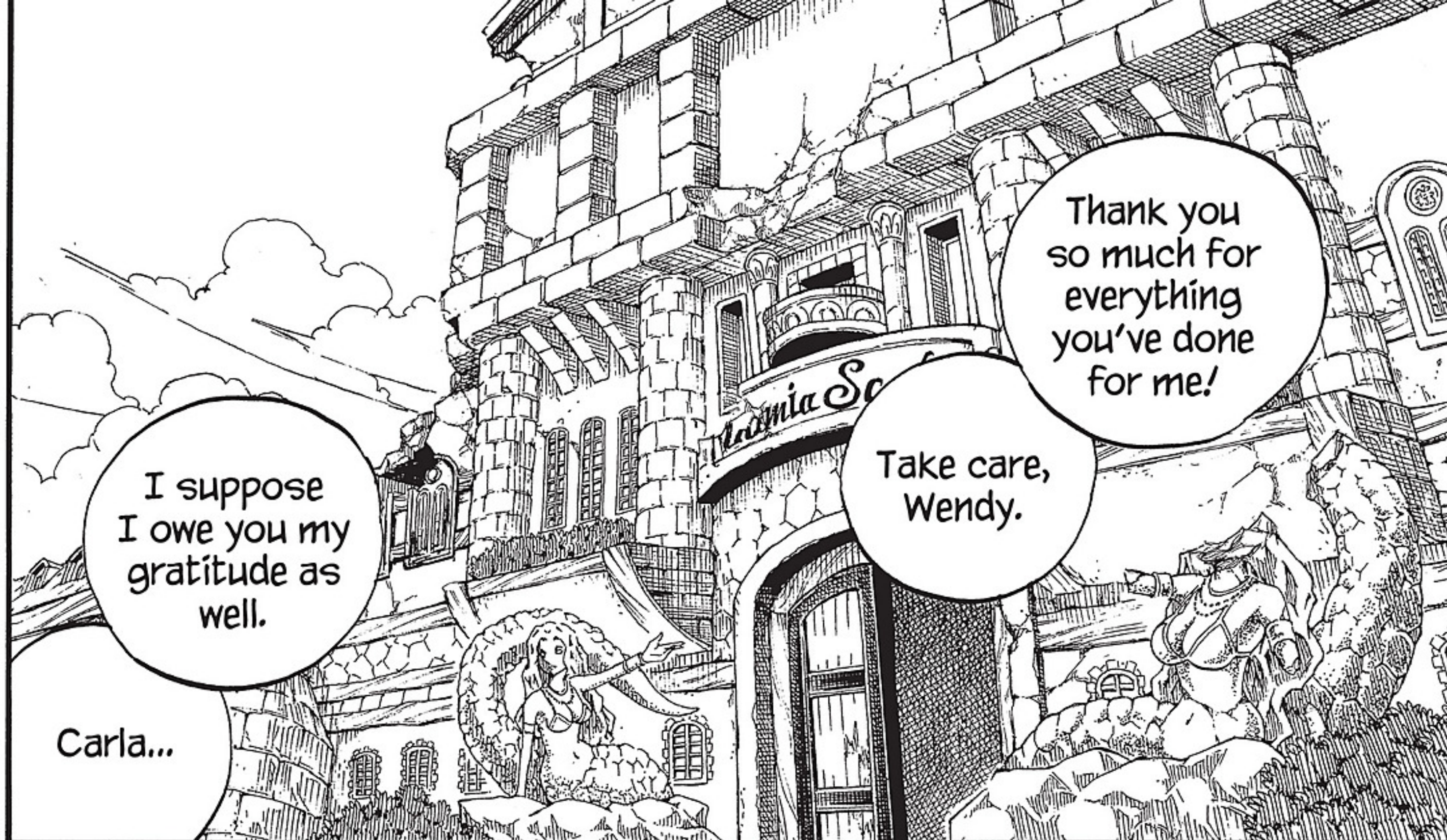


*You'll
always
be my
friend.*



*You,
too!*





I suppose
I owe you my
gratitude as
well.

Carla...

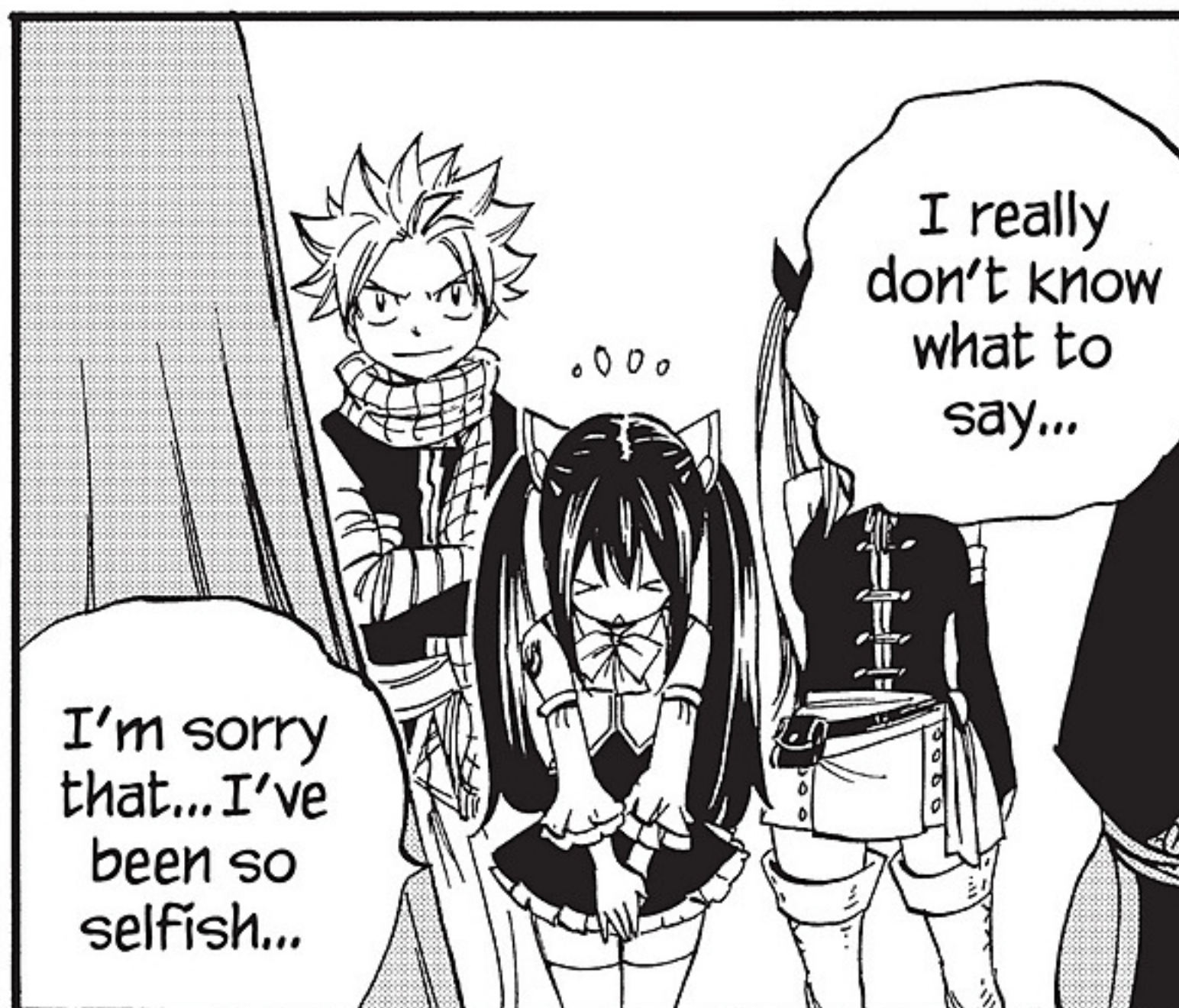
Take care,
Wendy.

Thank you
so much for
everything
you've done
for me!



SHIFF

SHIFF



I'm sorry
that... I've
been so
selfish...

I really
don't know
what to
say...



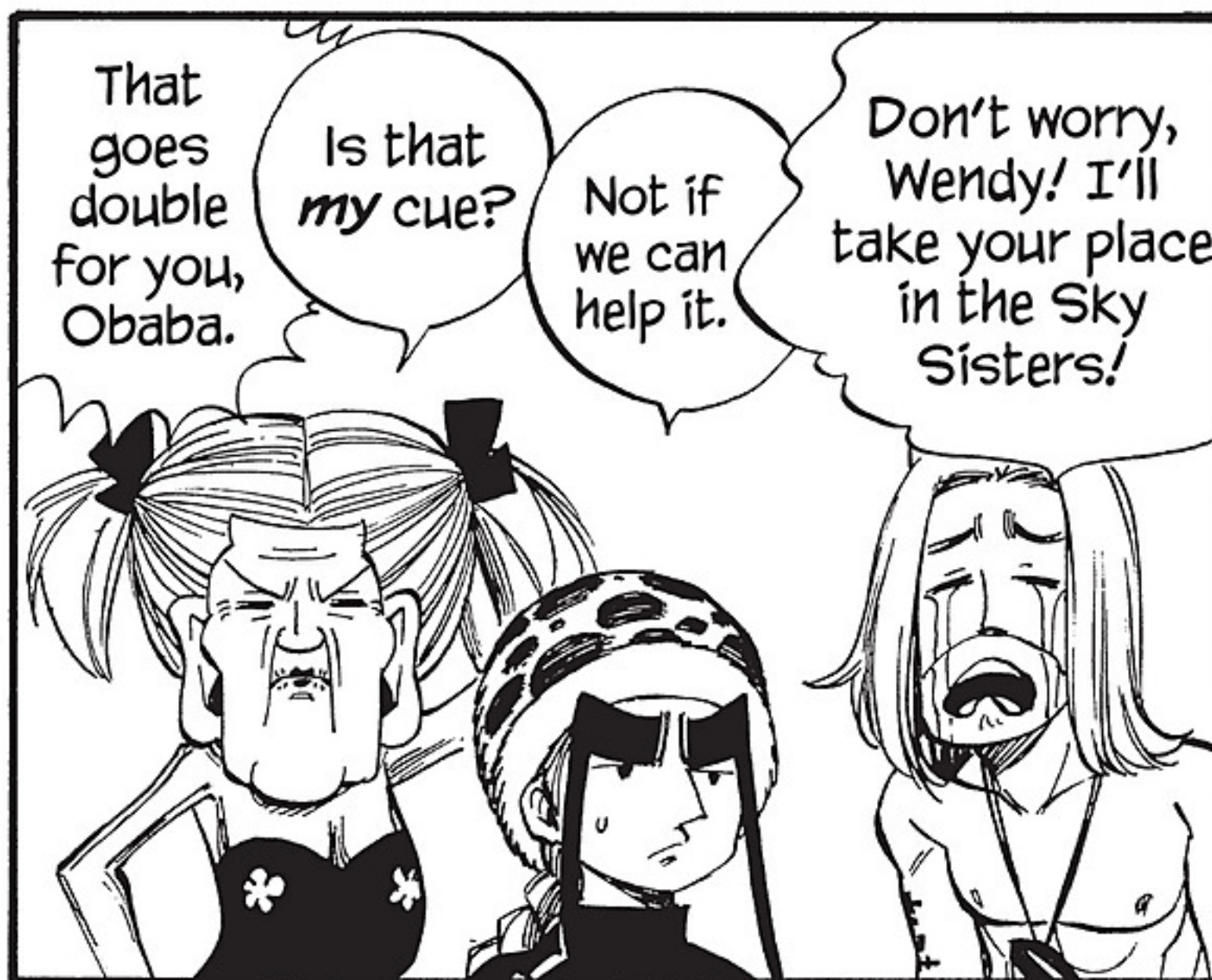
Don't go!!
Carla-
san!!

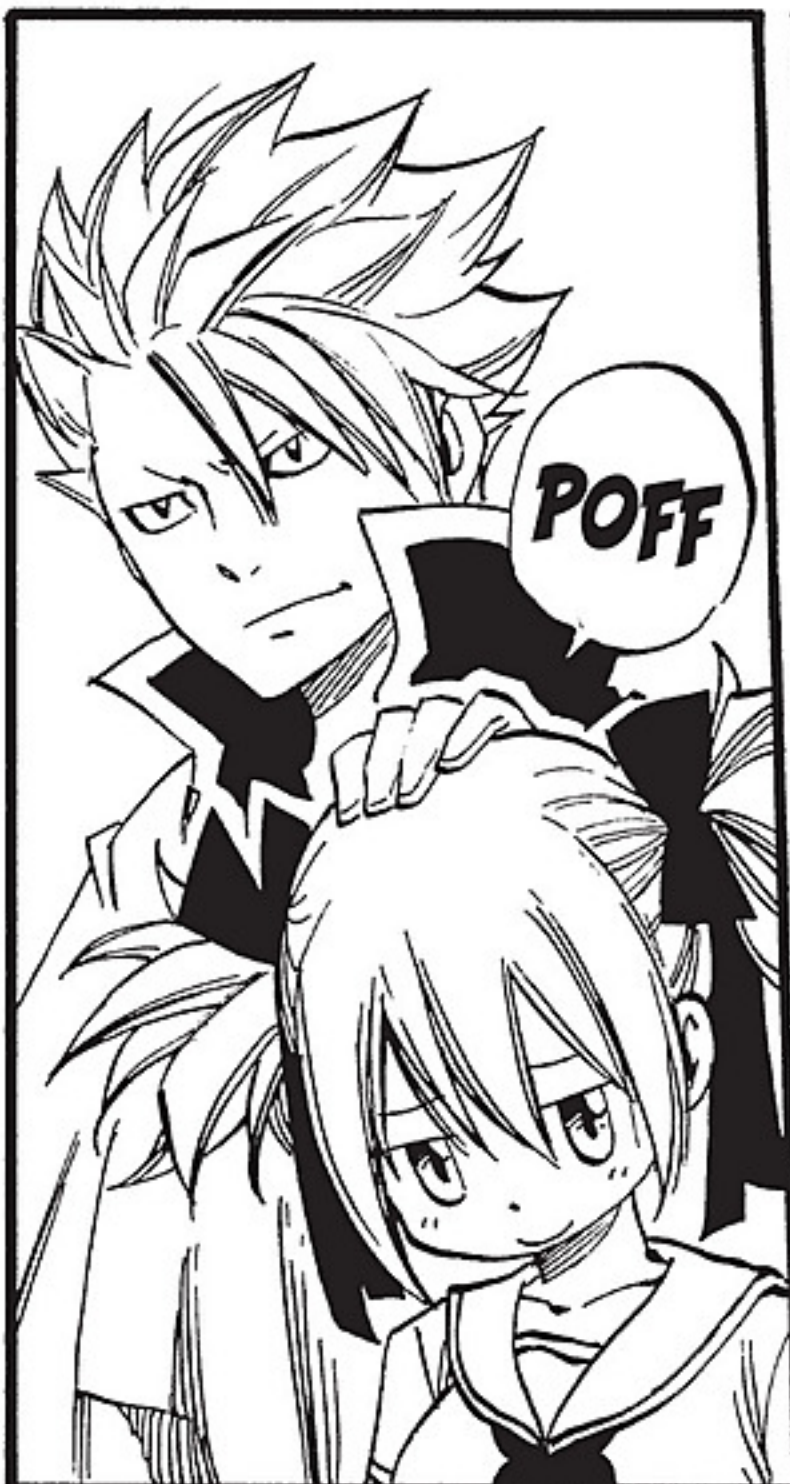
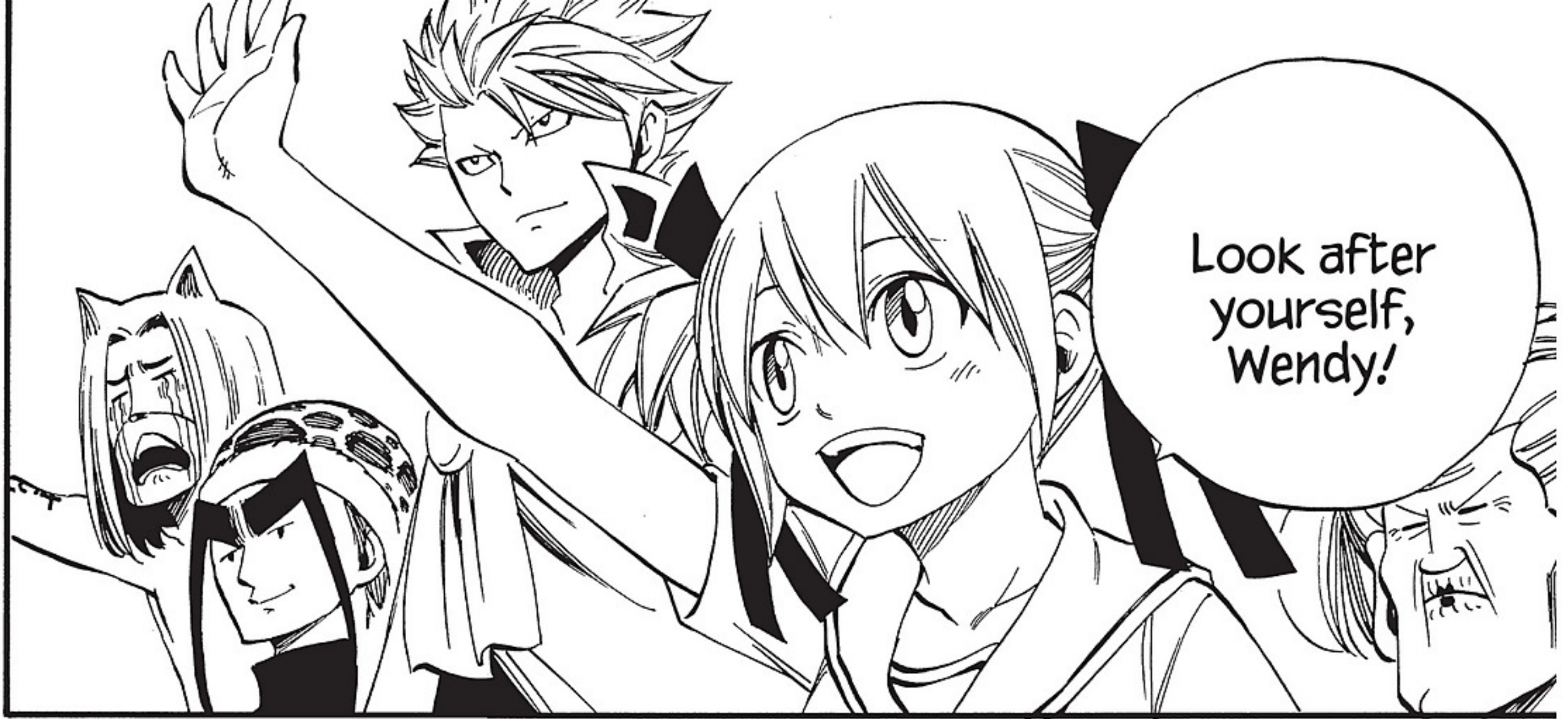
Yeah, I made
sure they knew
that we'd only
be staying until
Fairy Tail was
revived.

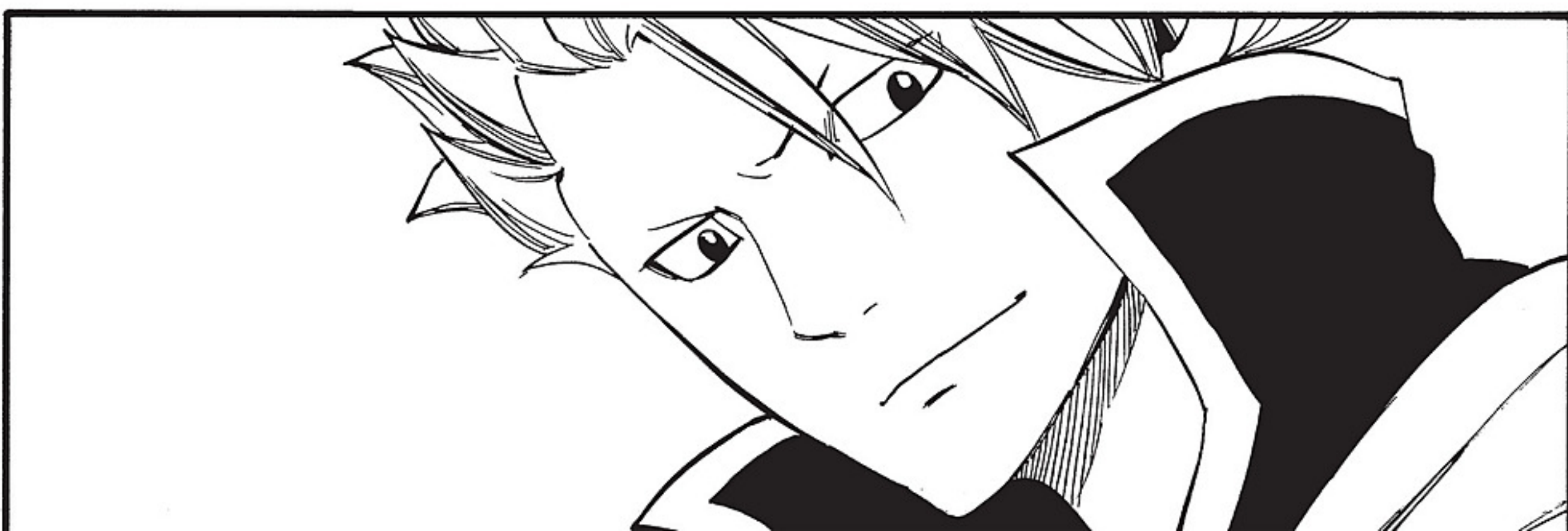
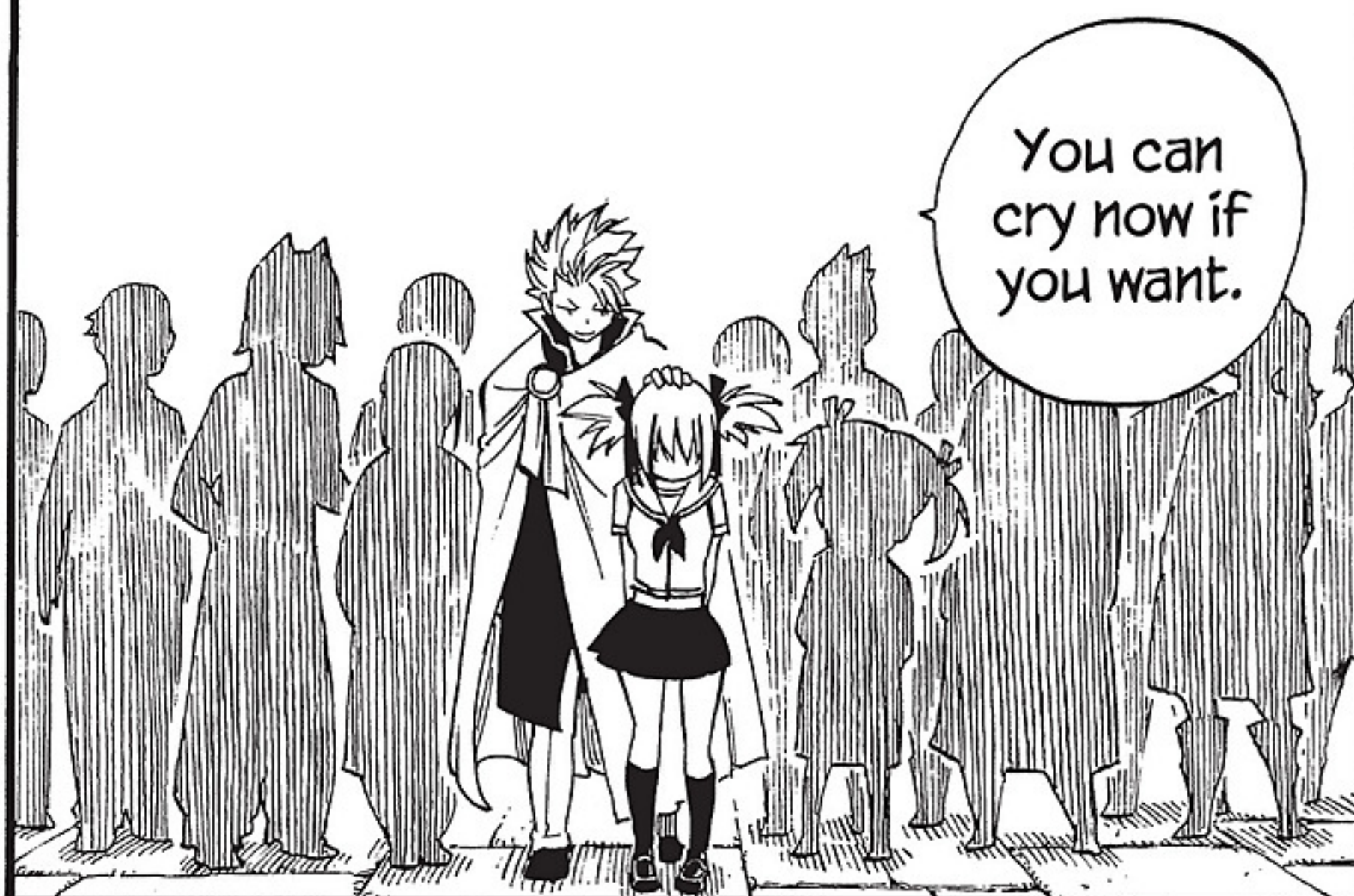


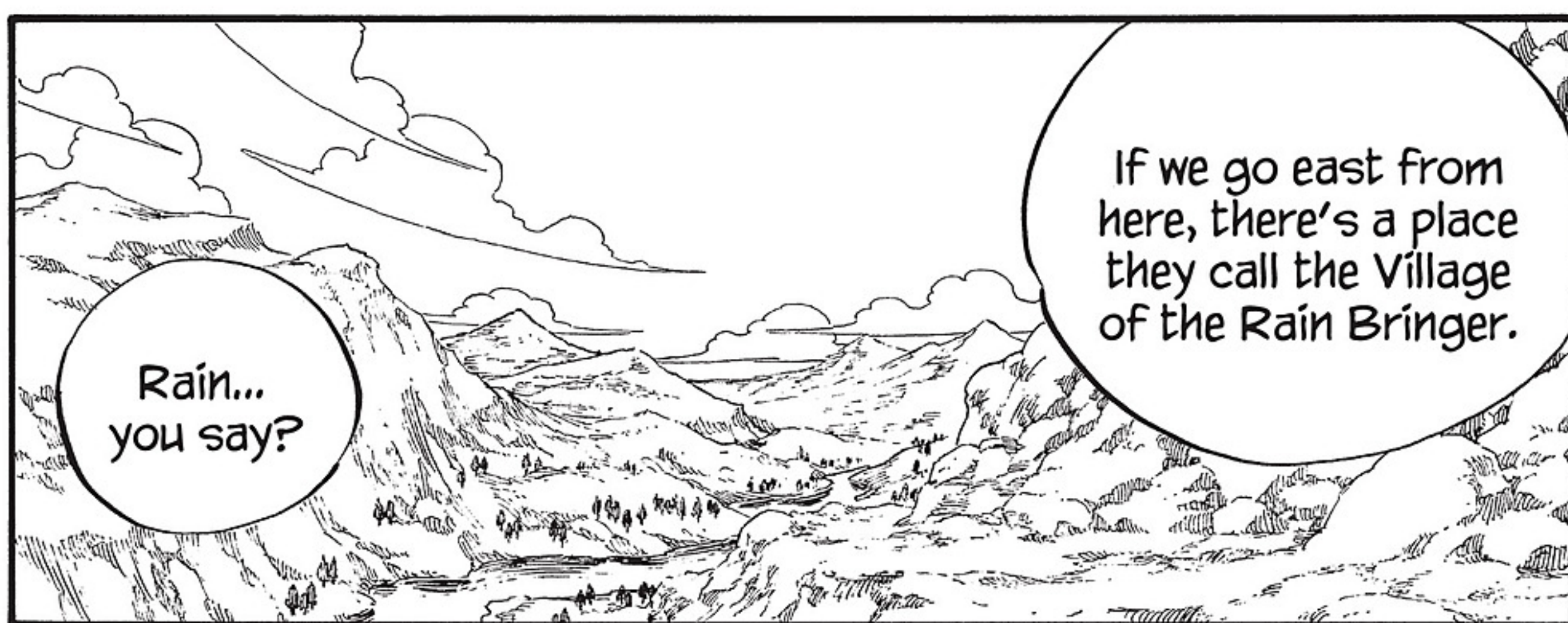
Is that
right?!

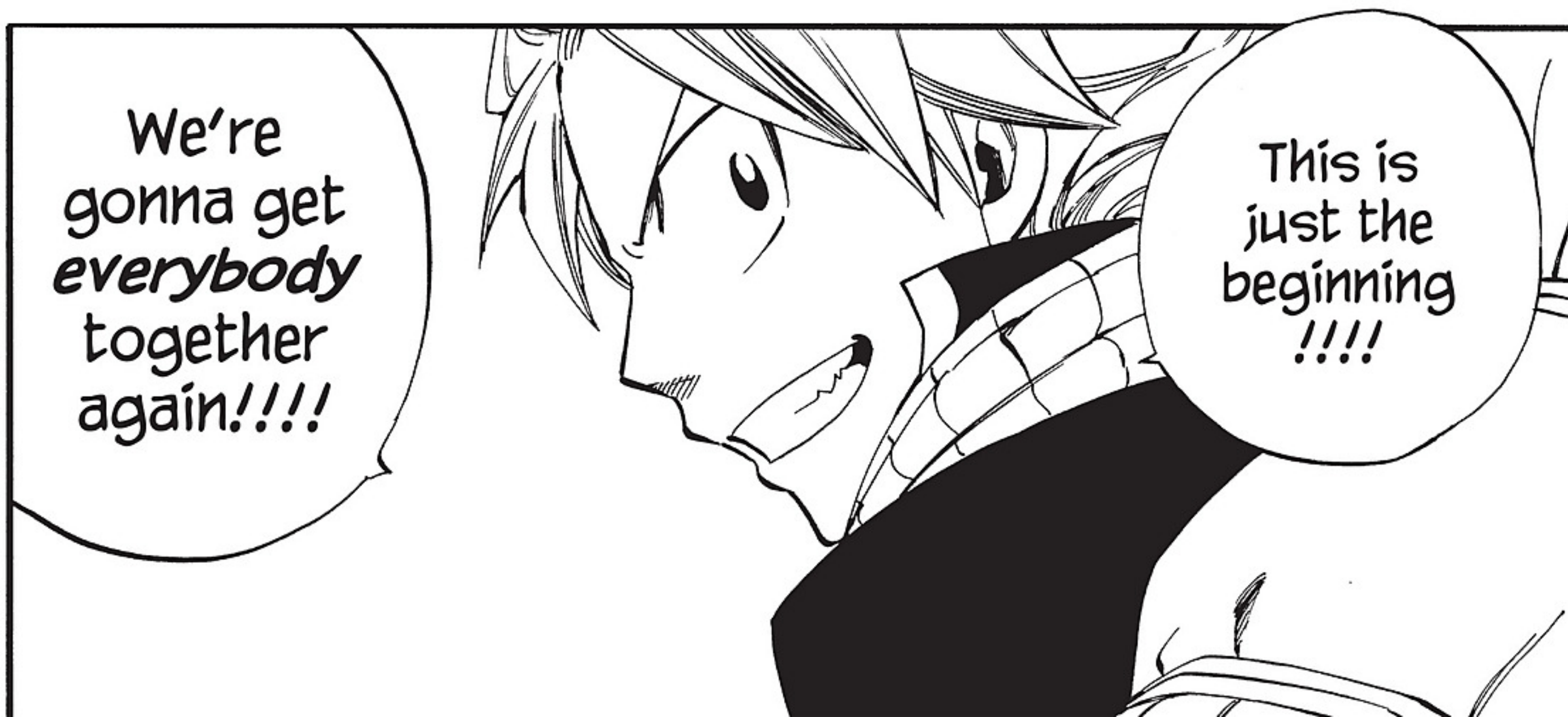
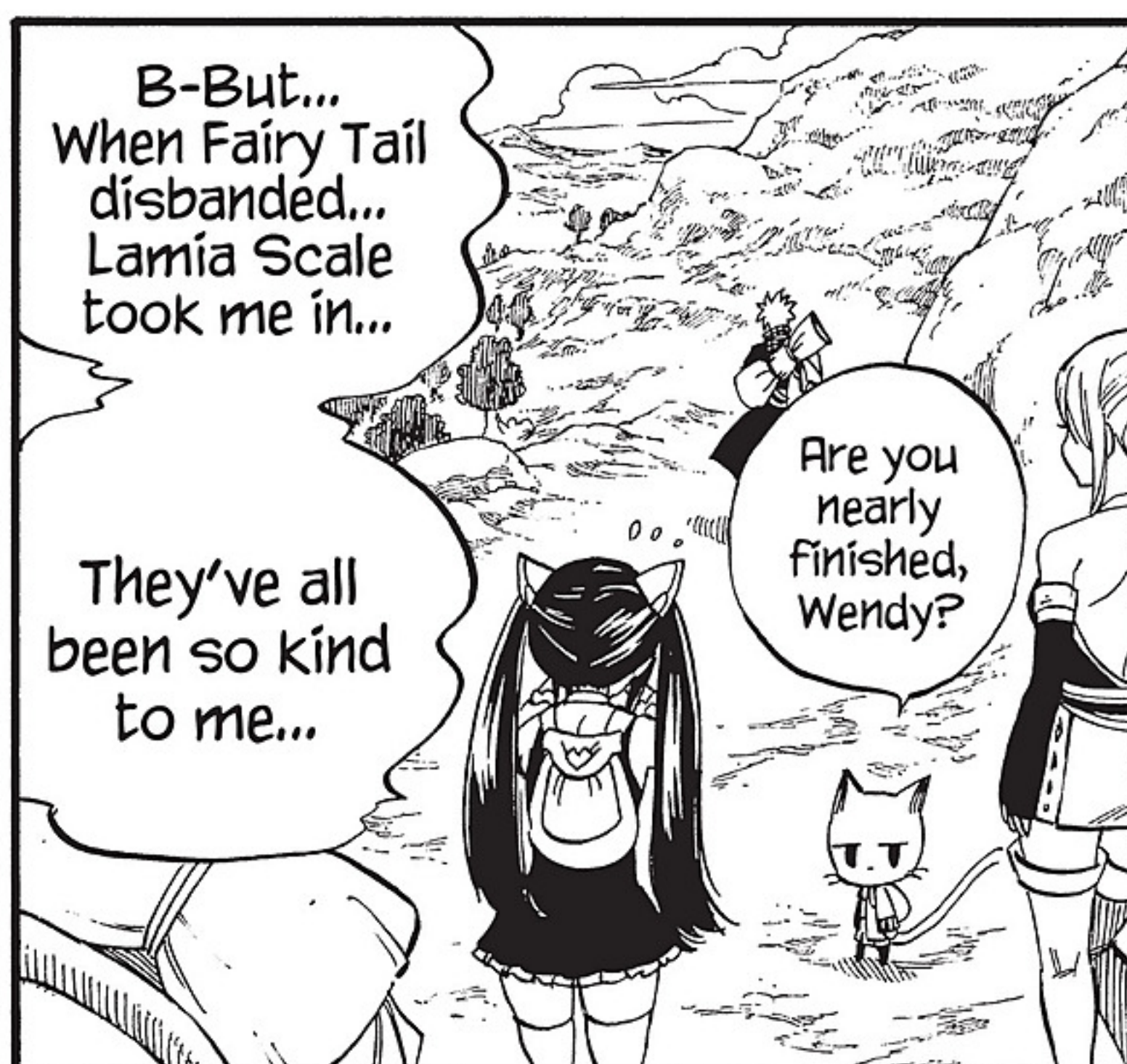
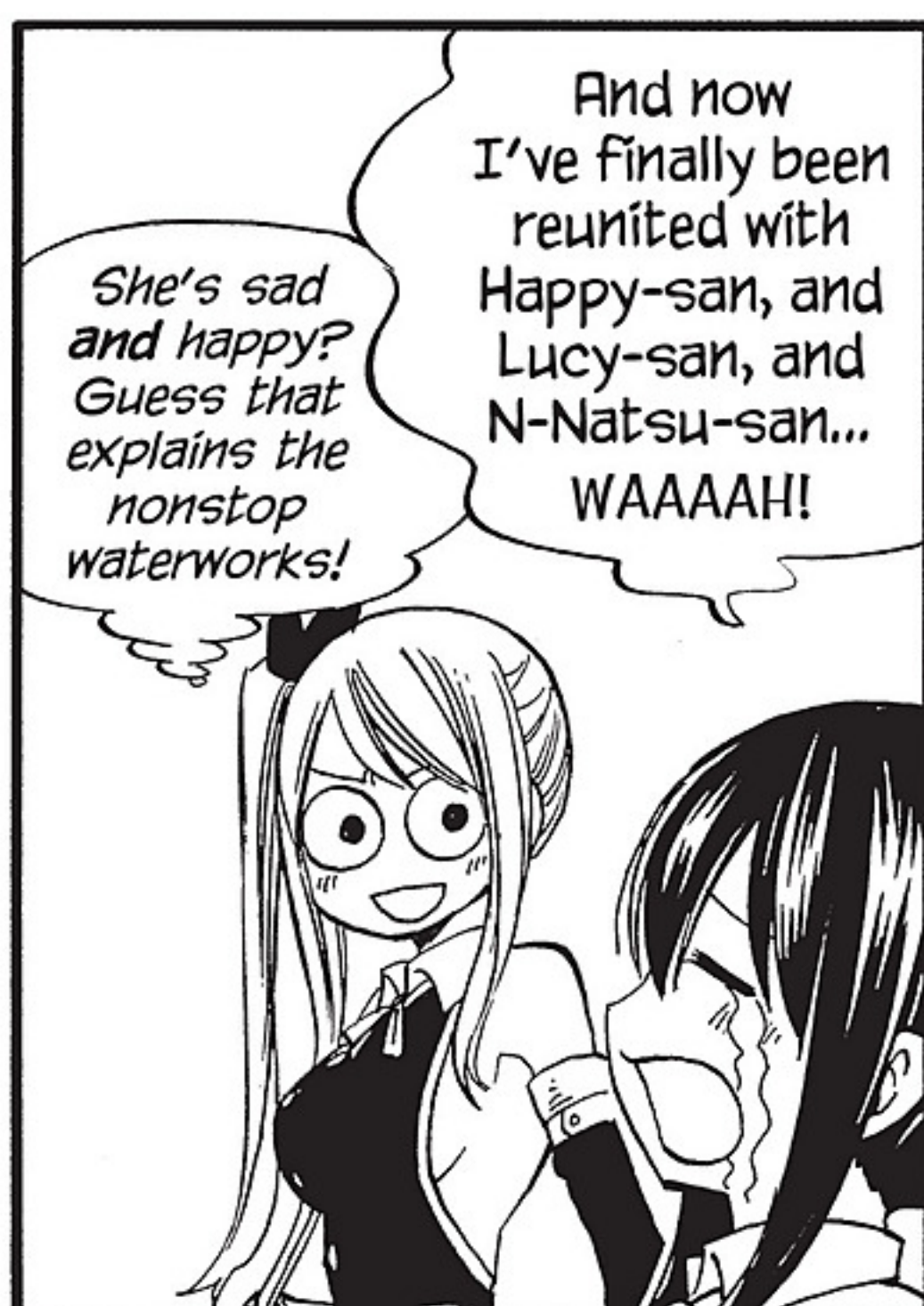
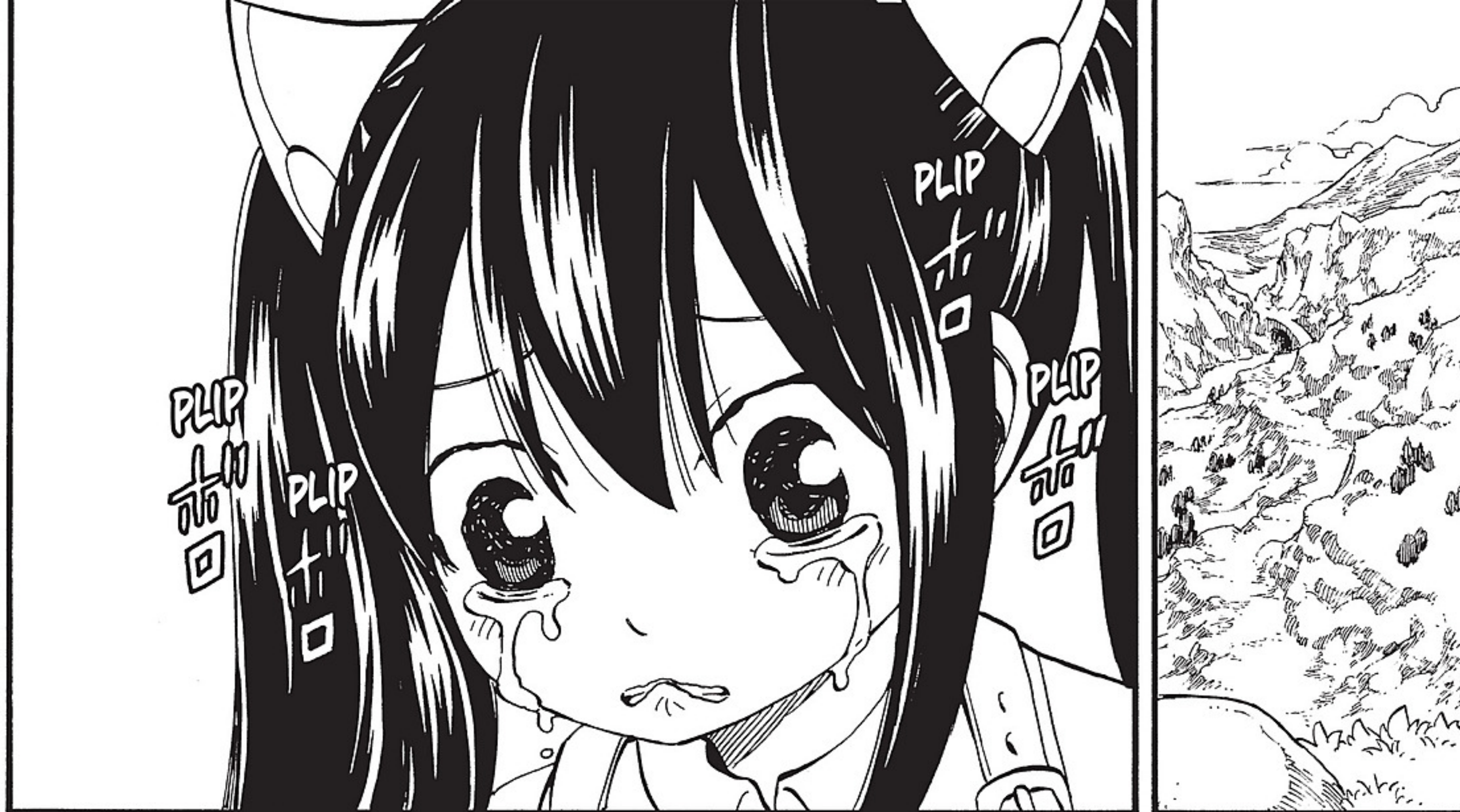
Don't
apologize.
This was
always our
agreement.











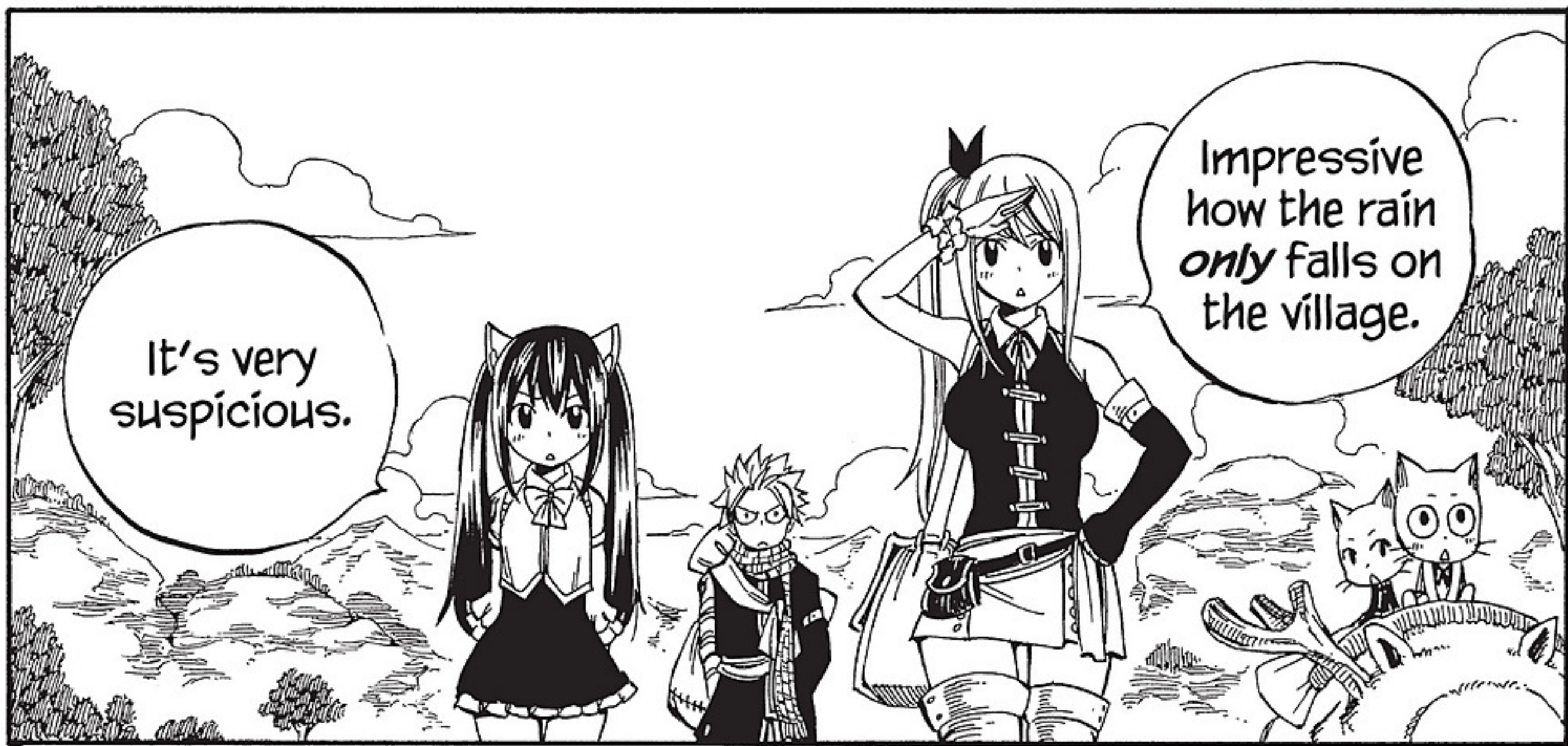
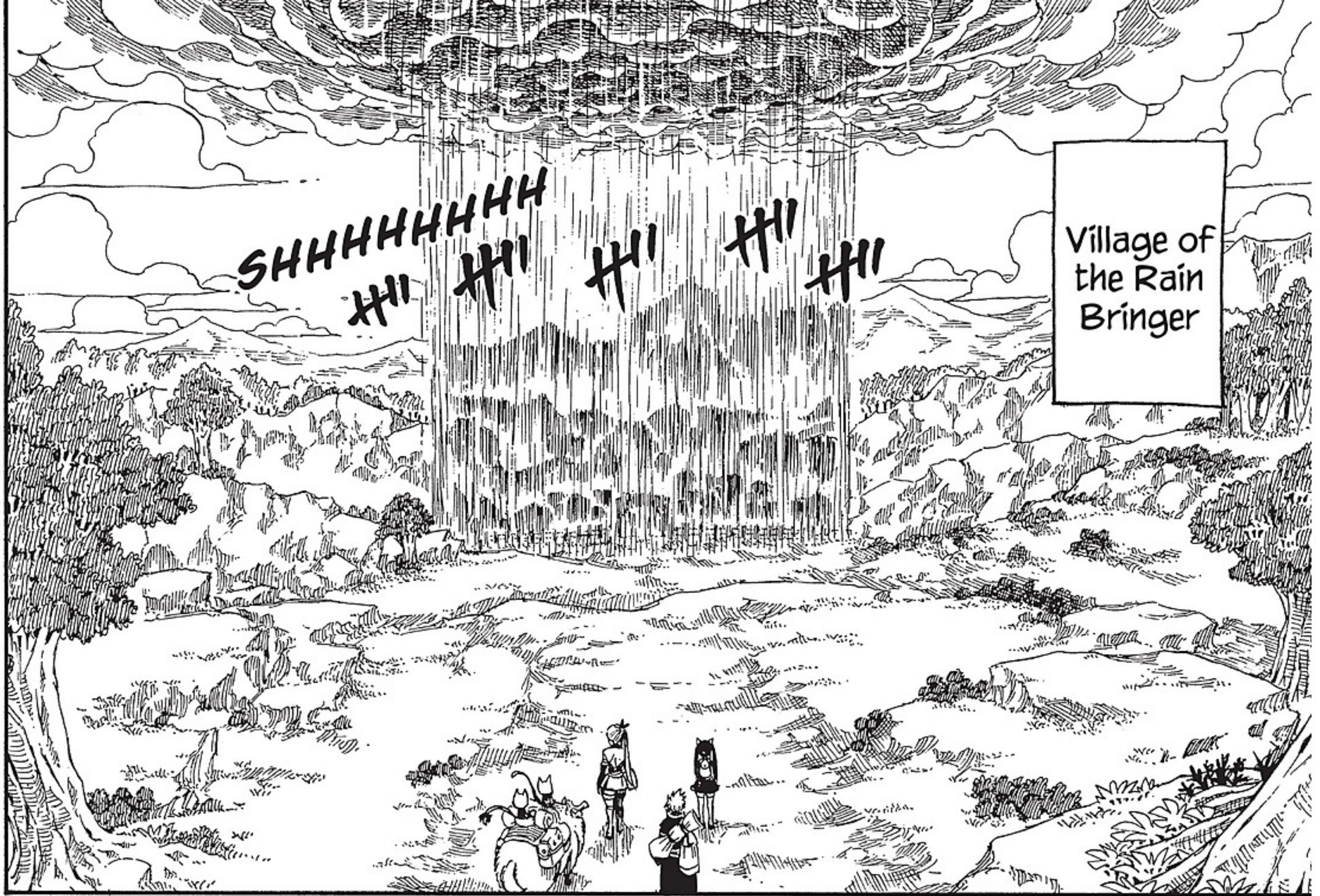


Fairy Tail

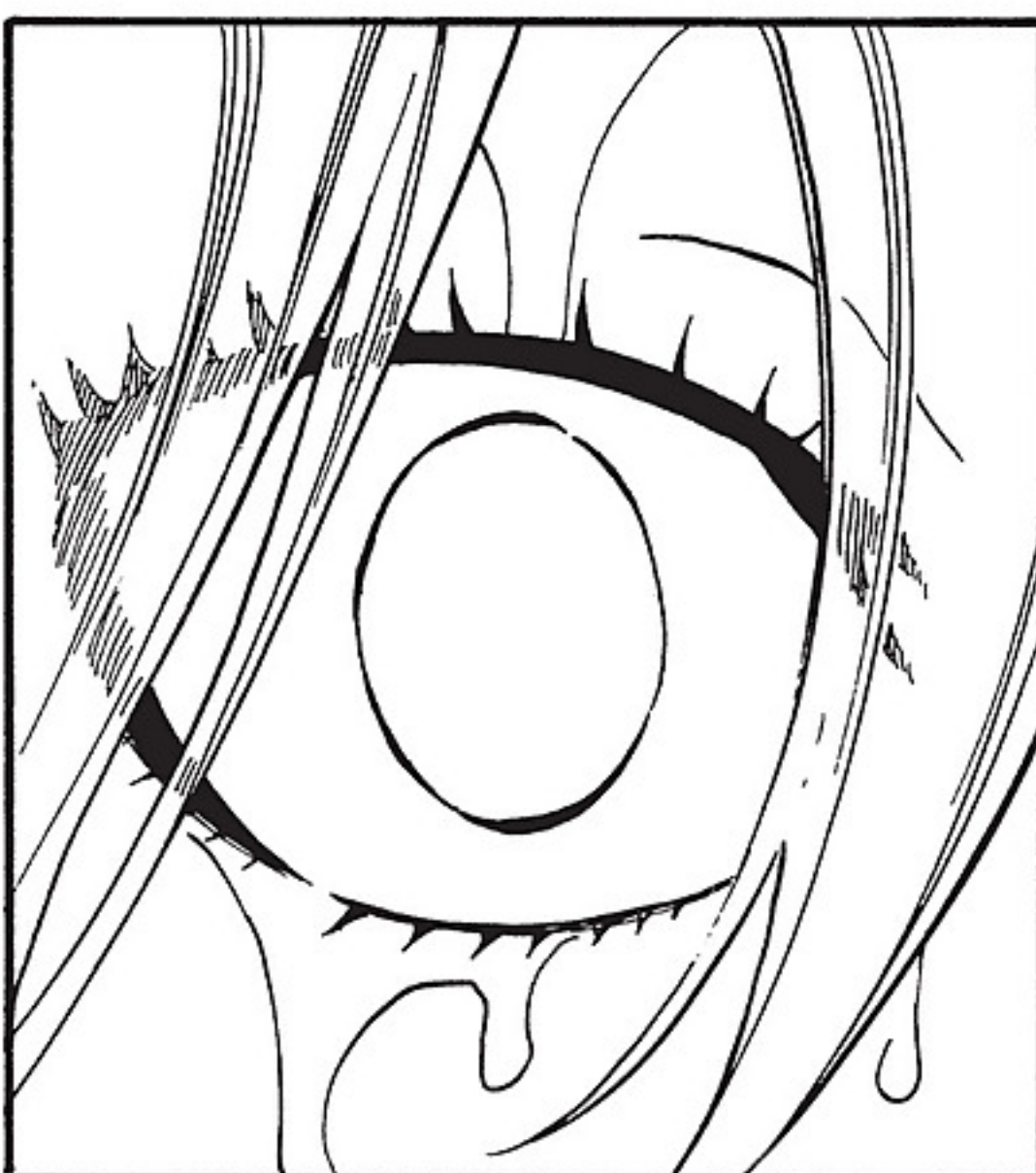
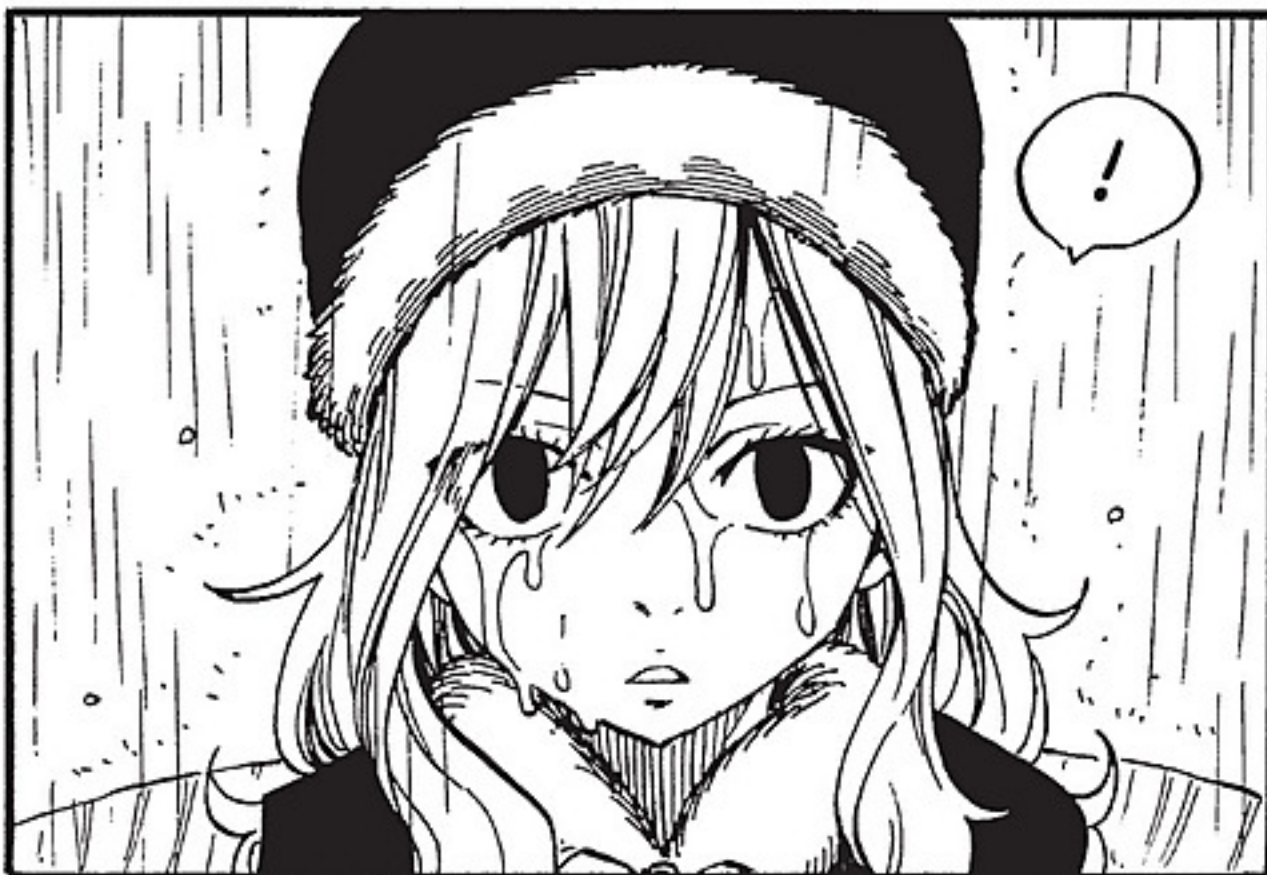
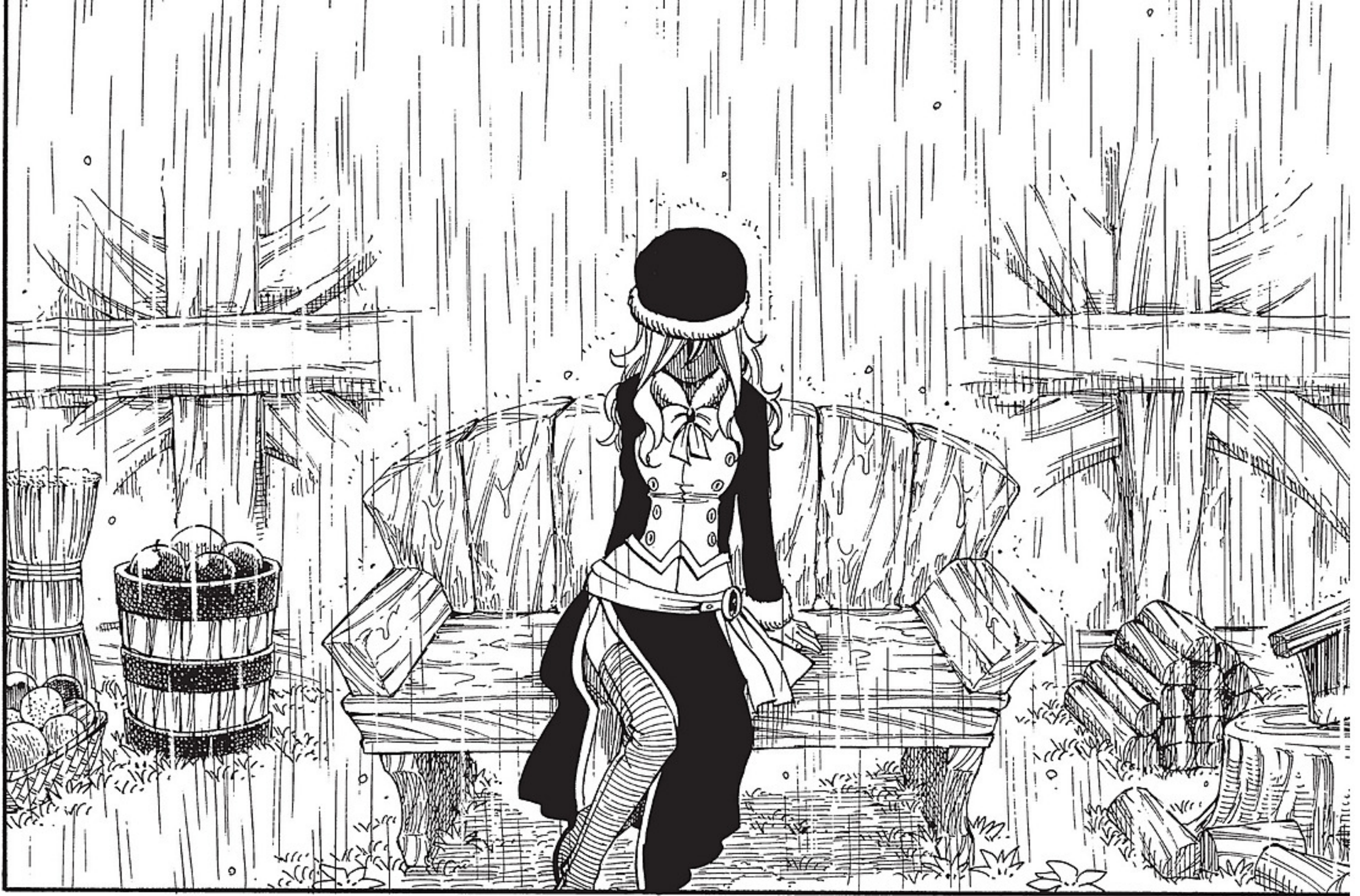
フェアリーテイル

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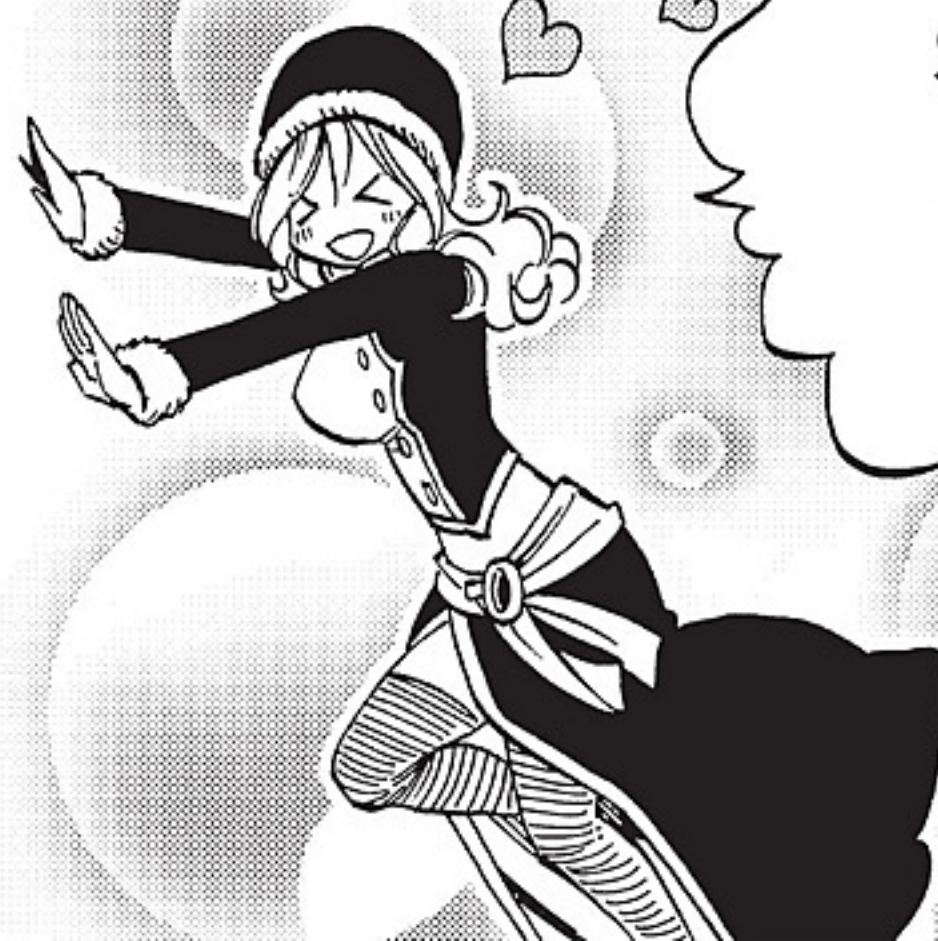




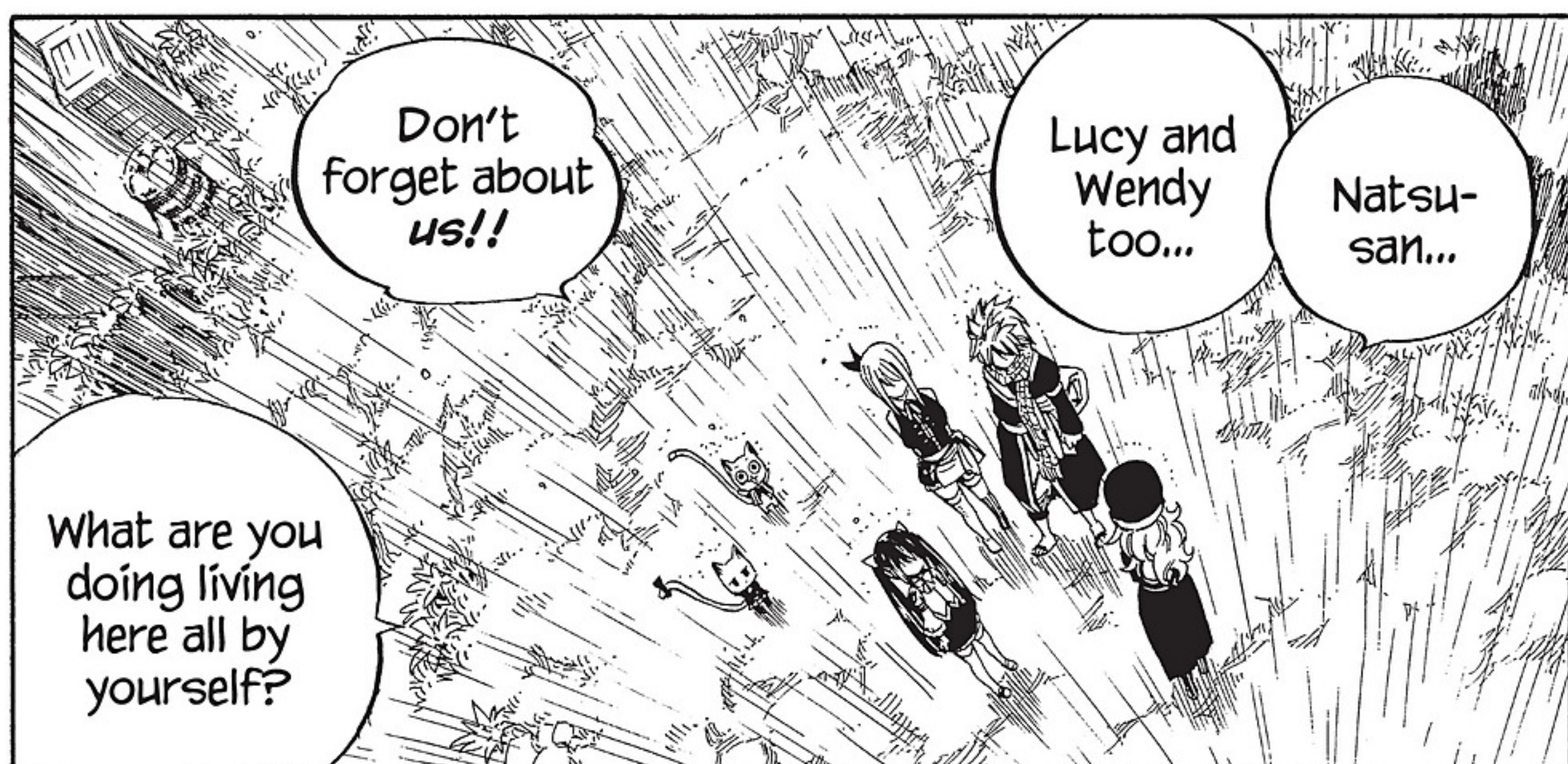
Sorry I
was gone
so long.

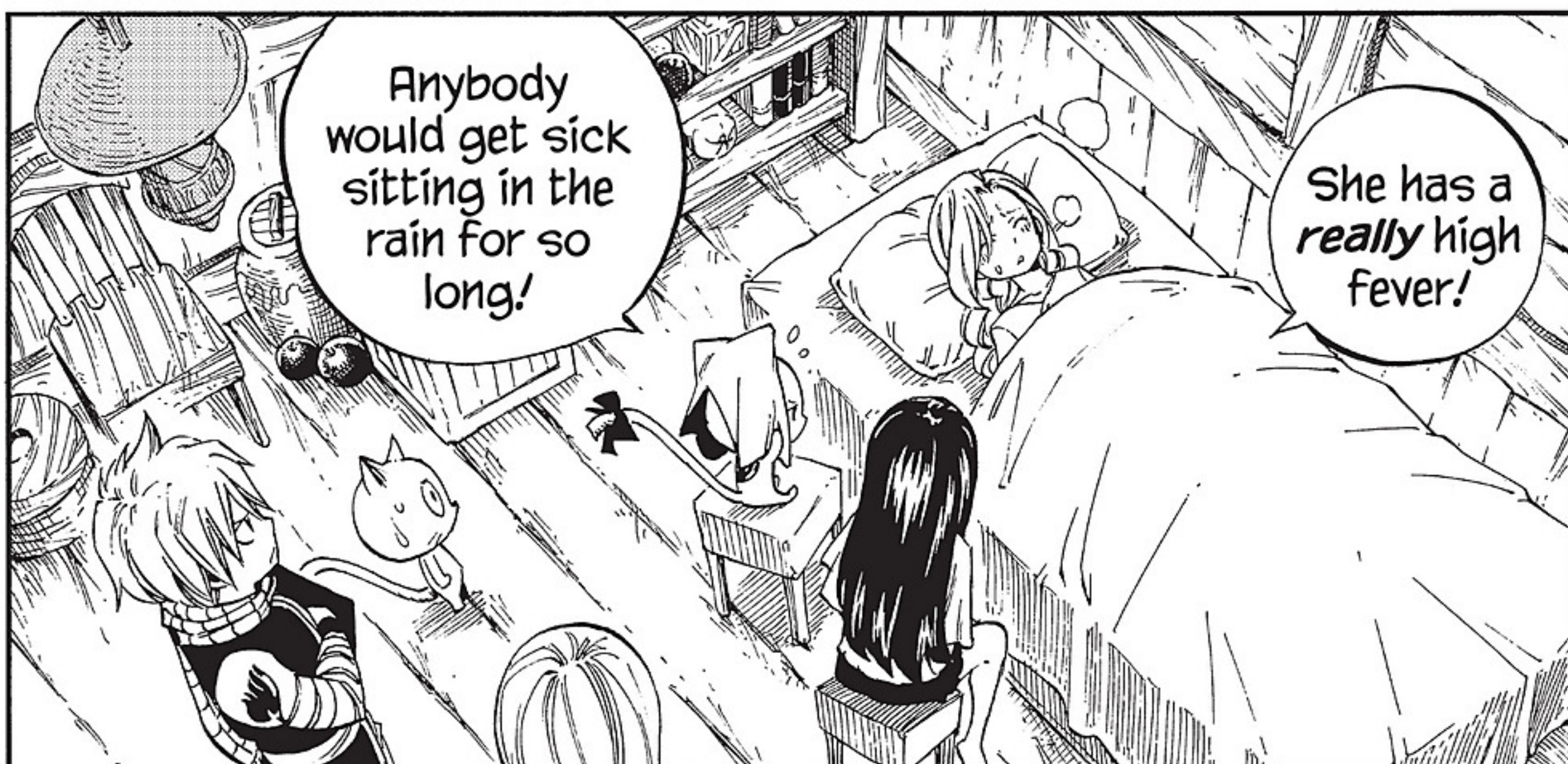
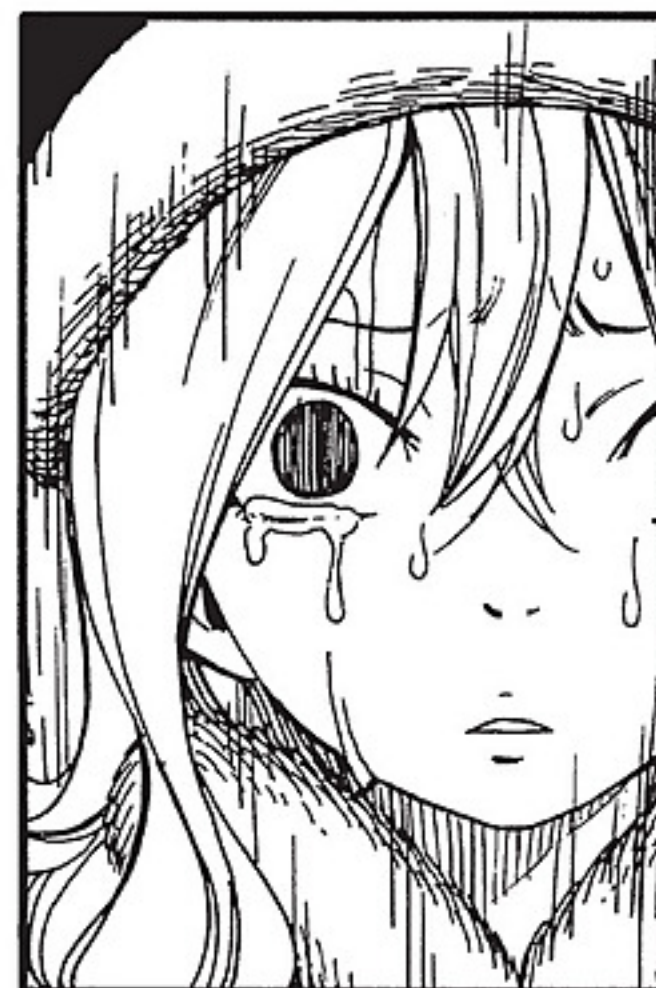
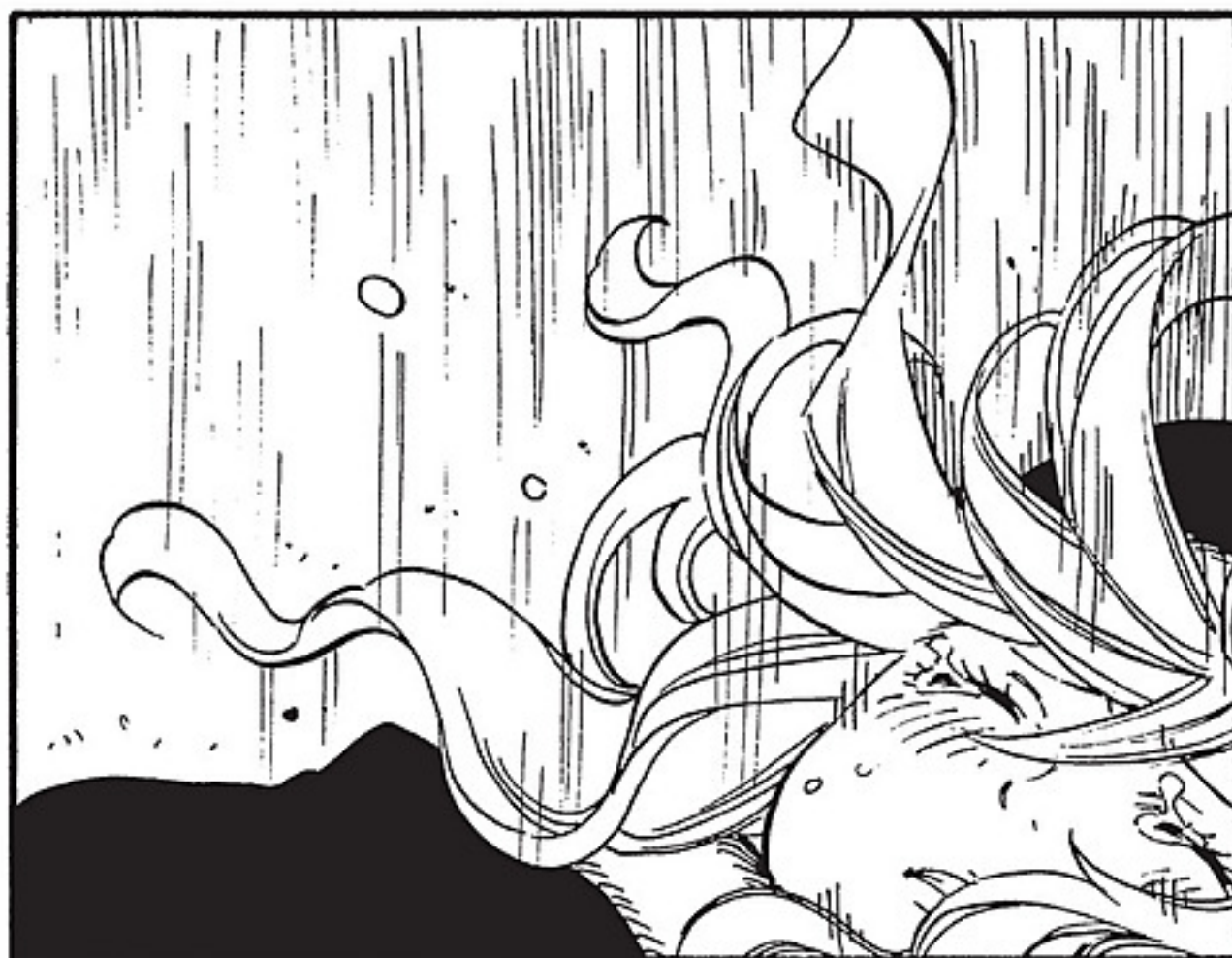
I've
come
back for
you.

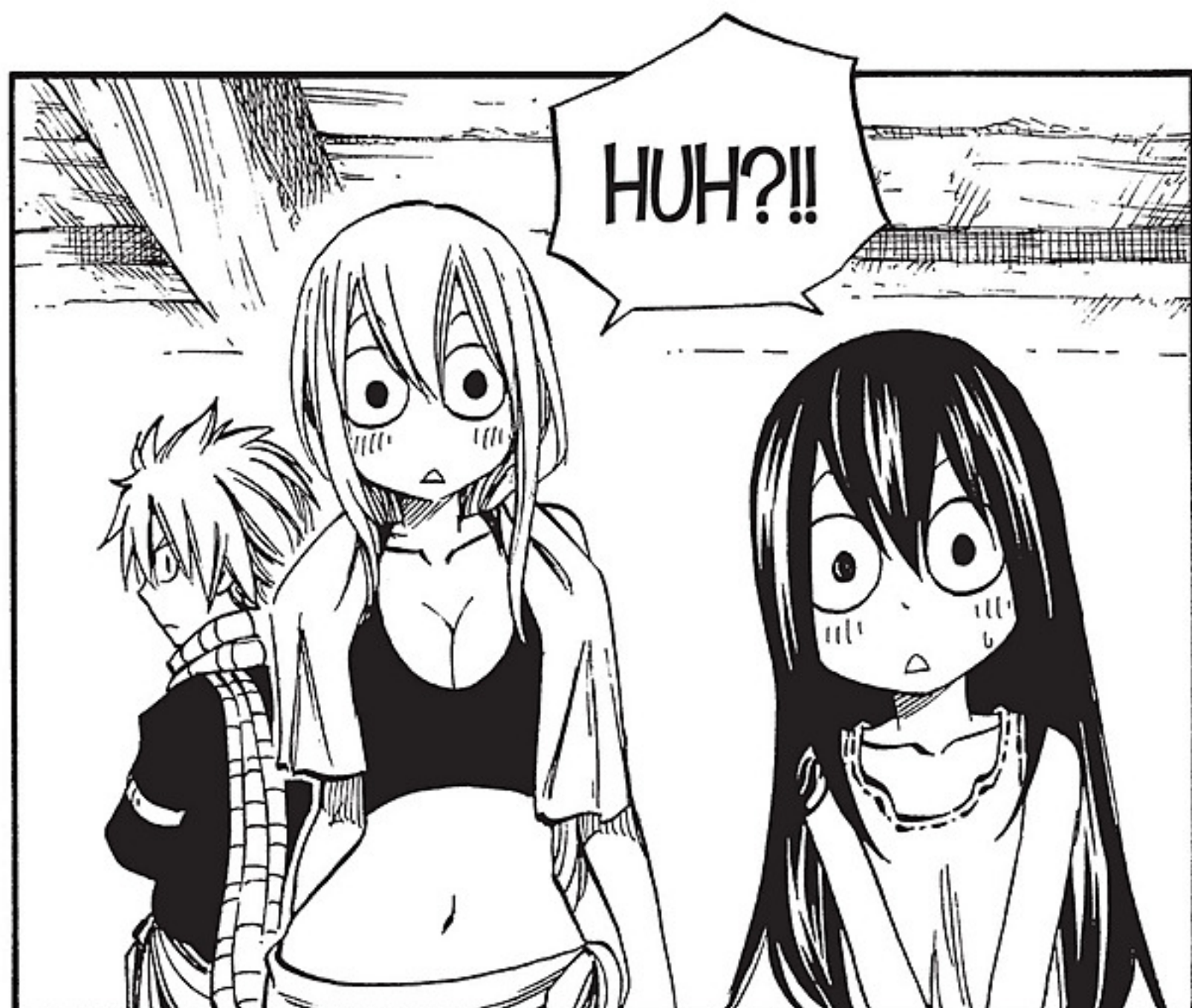
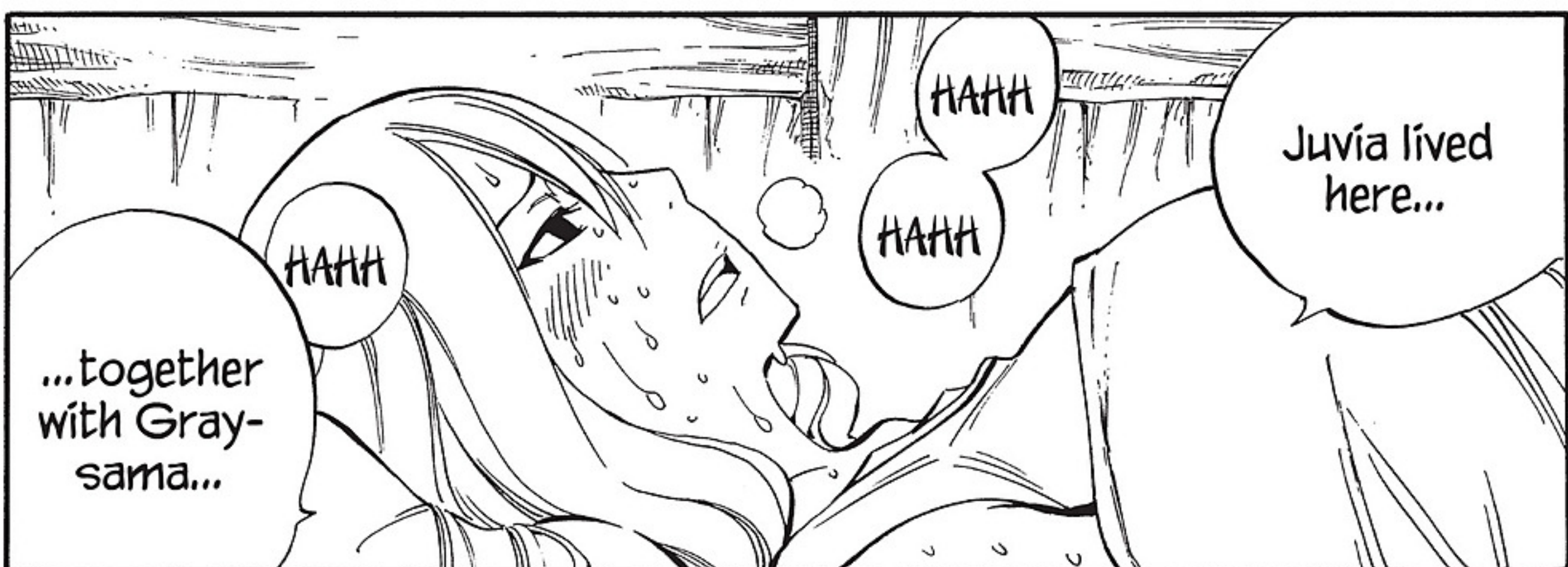
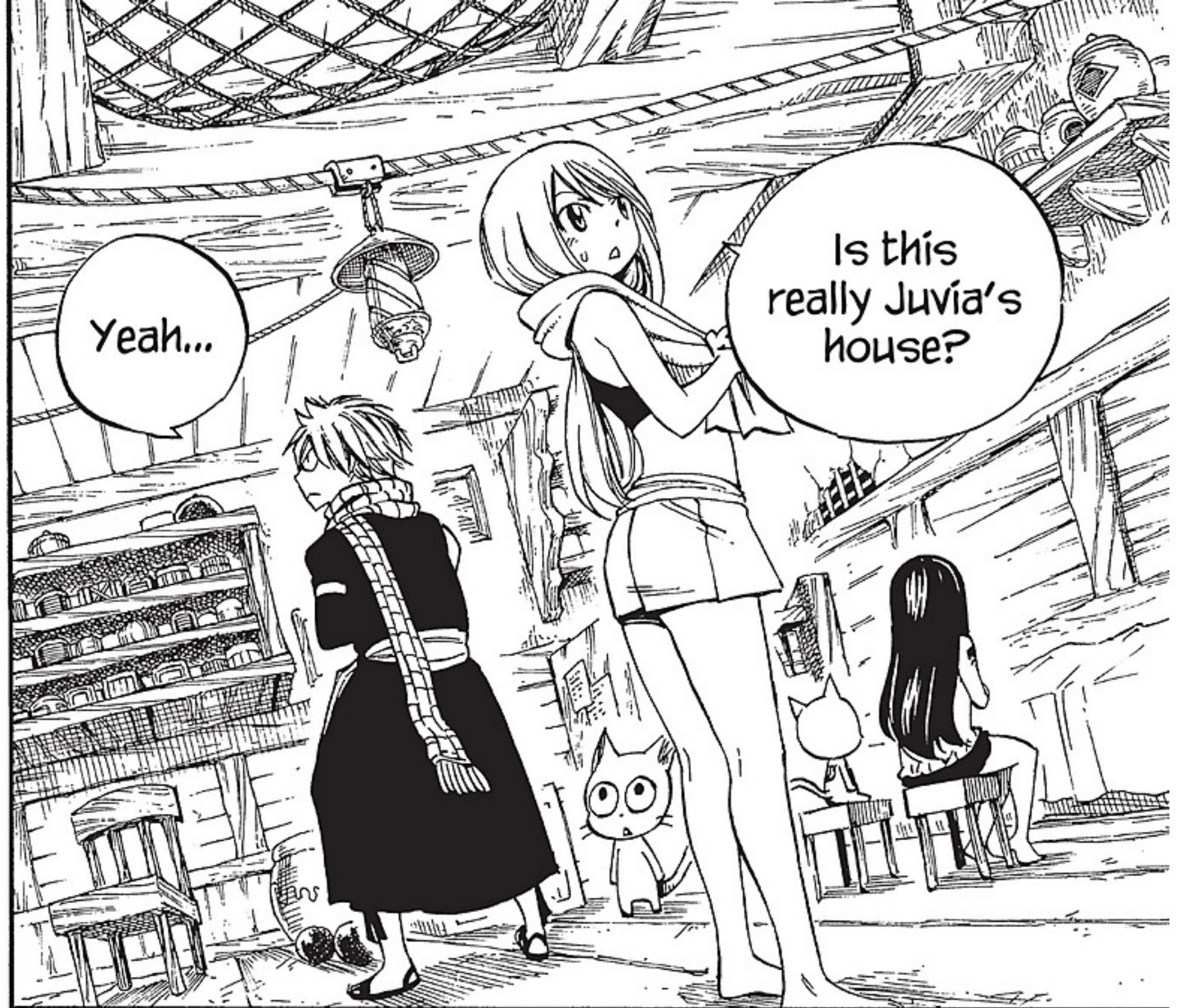
Gray-
sama!



GRAY-
SAMA! ♡
JUVIA...
JUVIA...

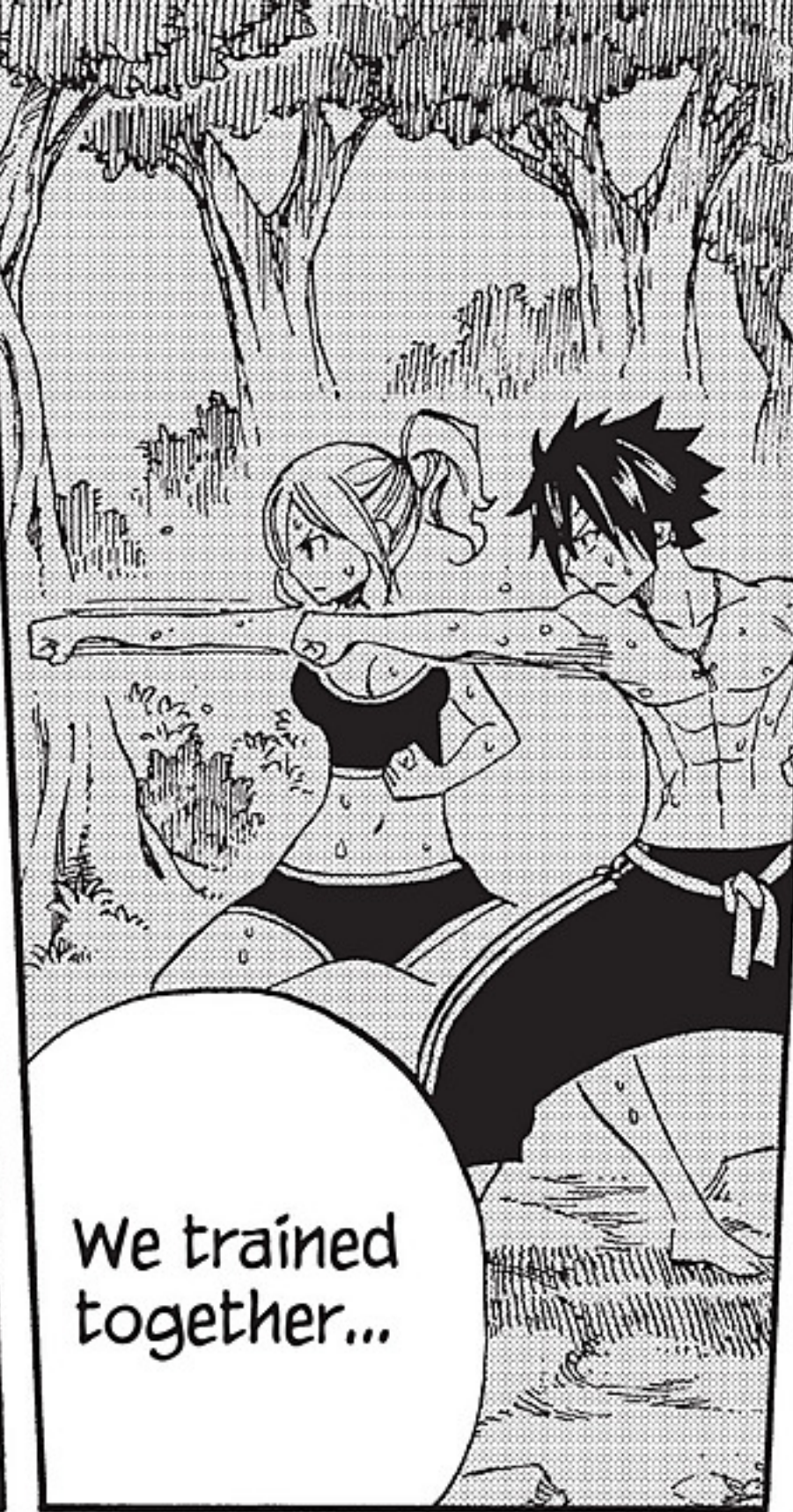








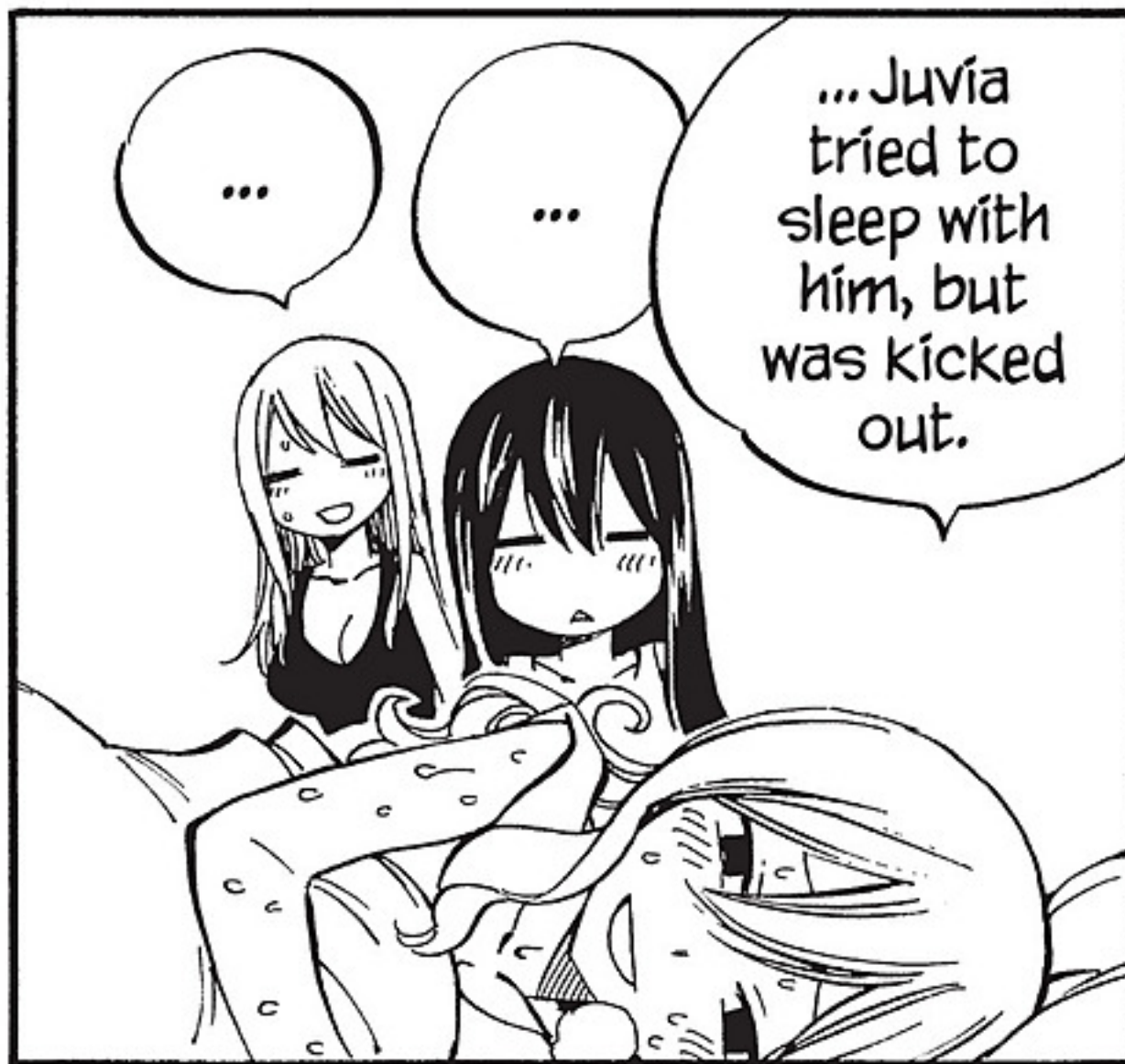
We did jobs together...



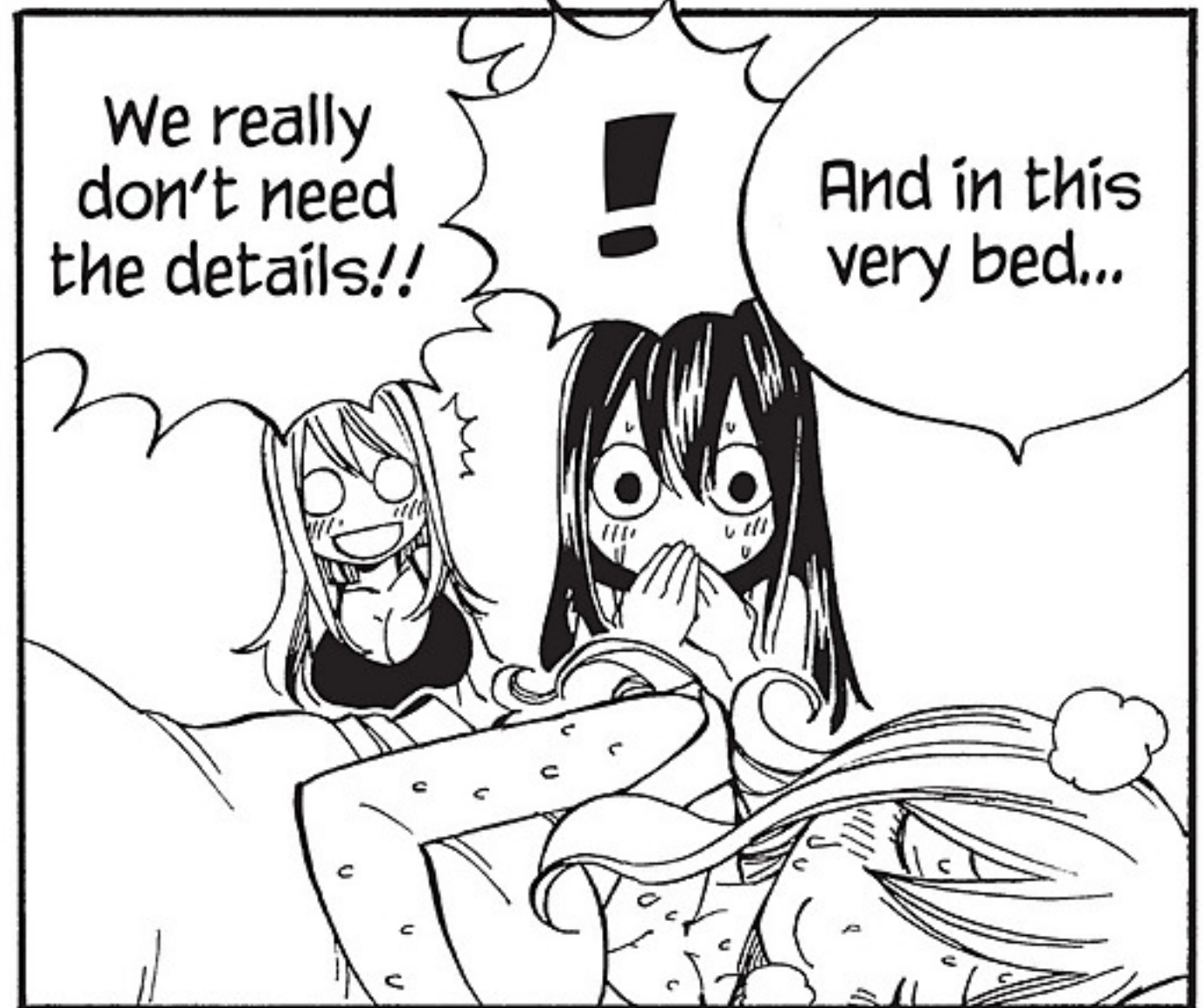
We trained together...



We ate together...



...Juvia tried to sleep with him, but was kicked out.



We really don't need the details!!

And in this very bed...



Honestly!

Gray-sama!! You can't just leave your clothes lying around when you strip!



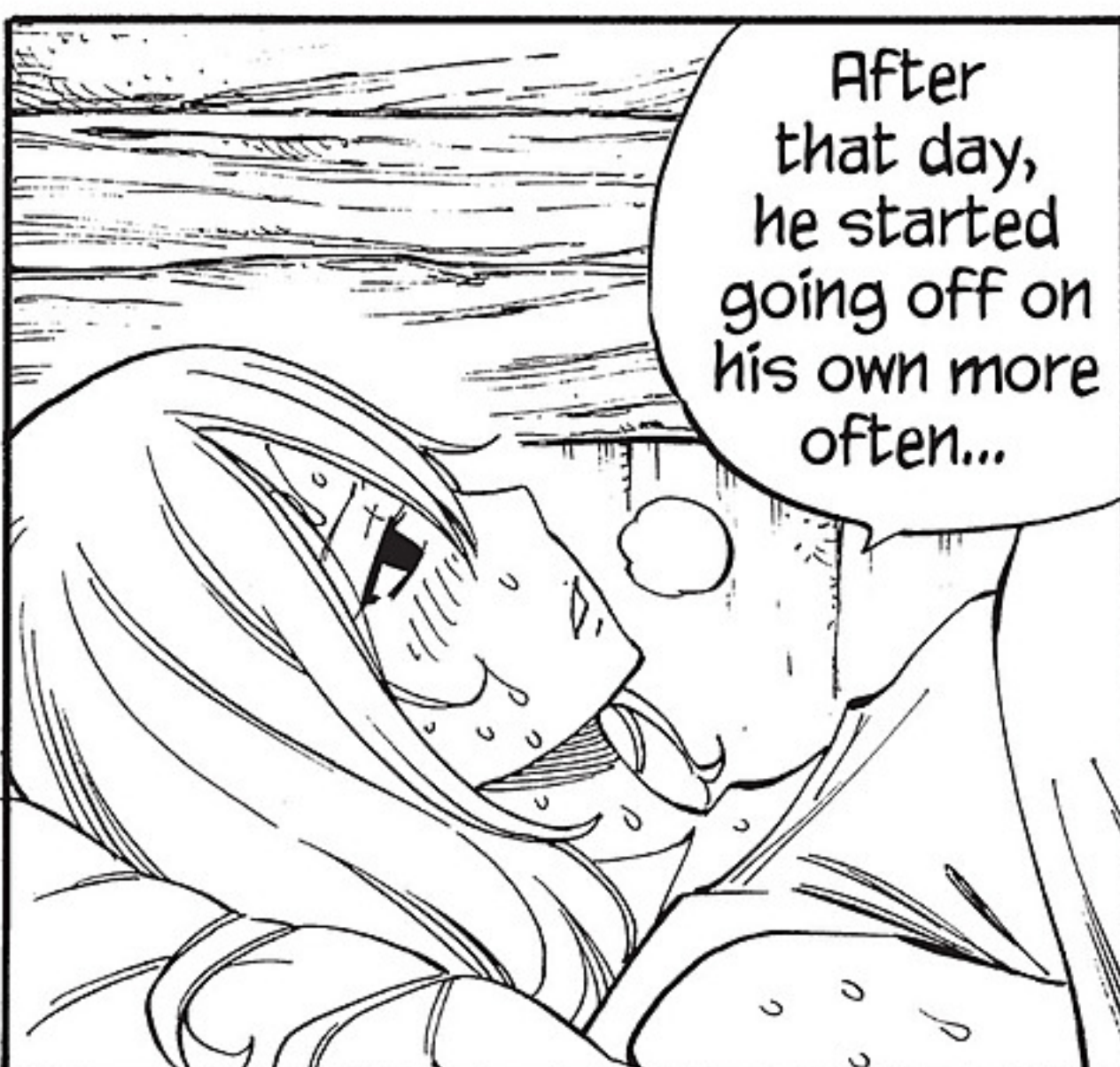
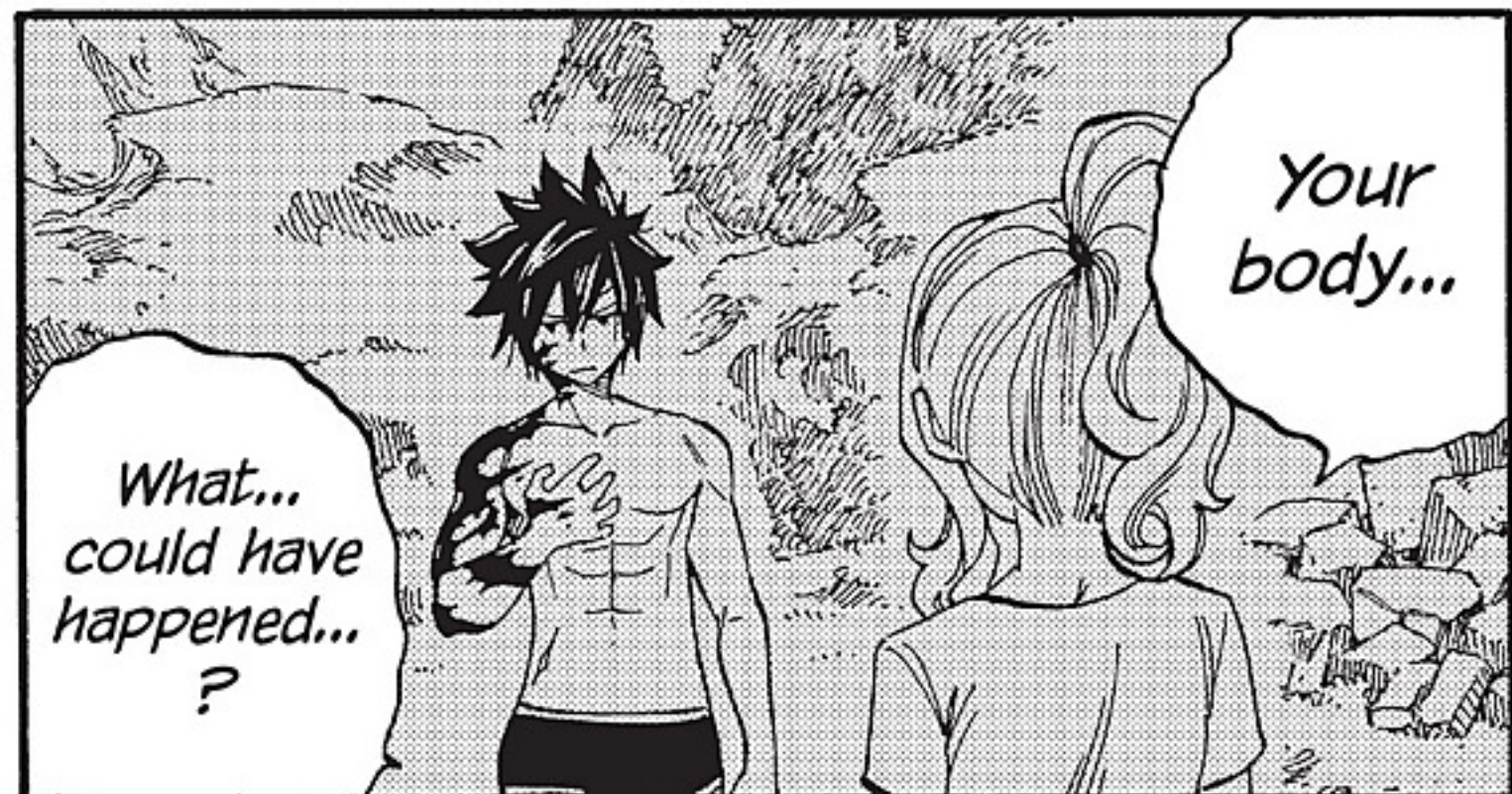
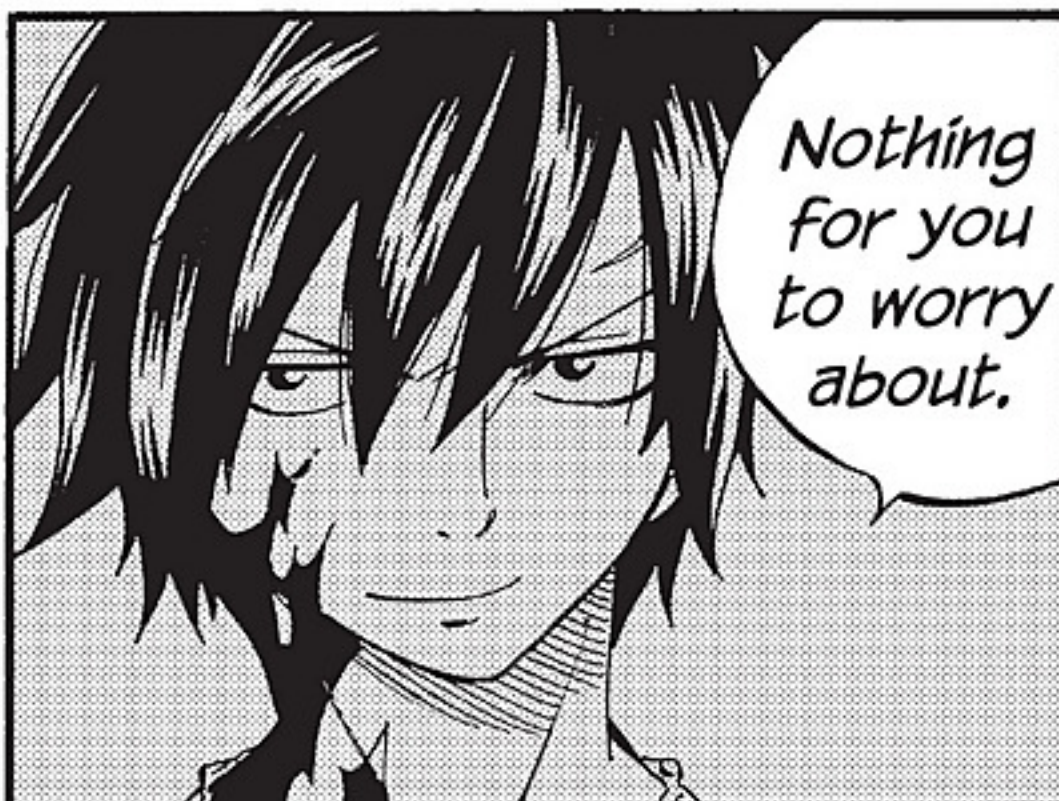
But then, one day...

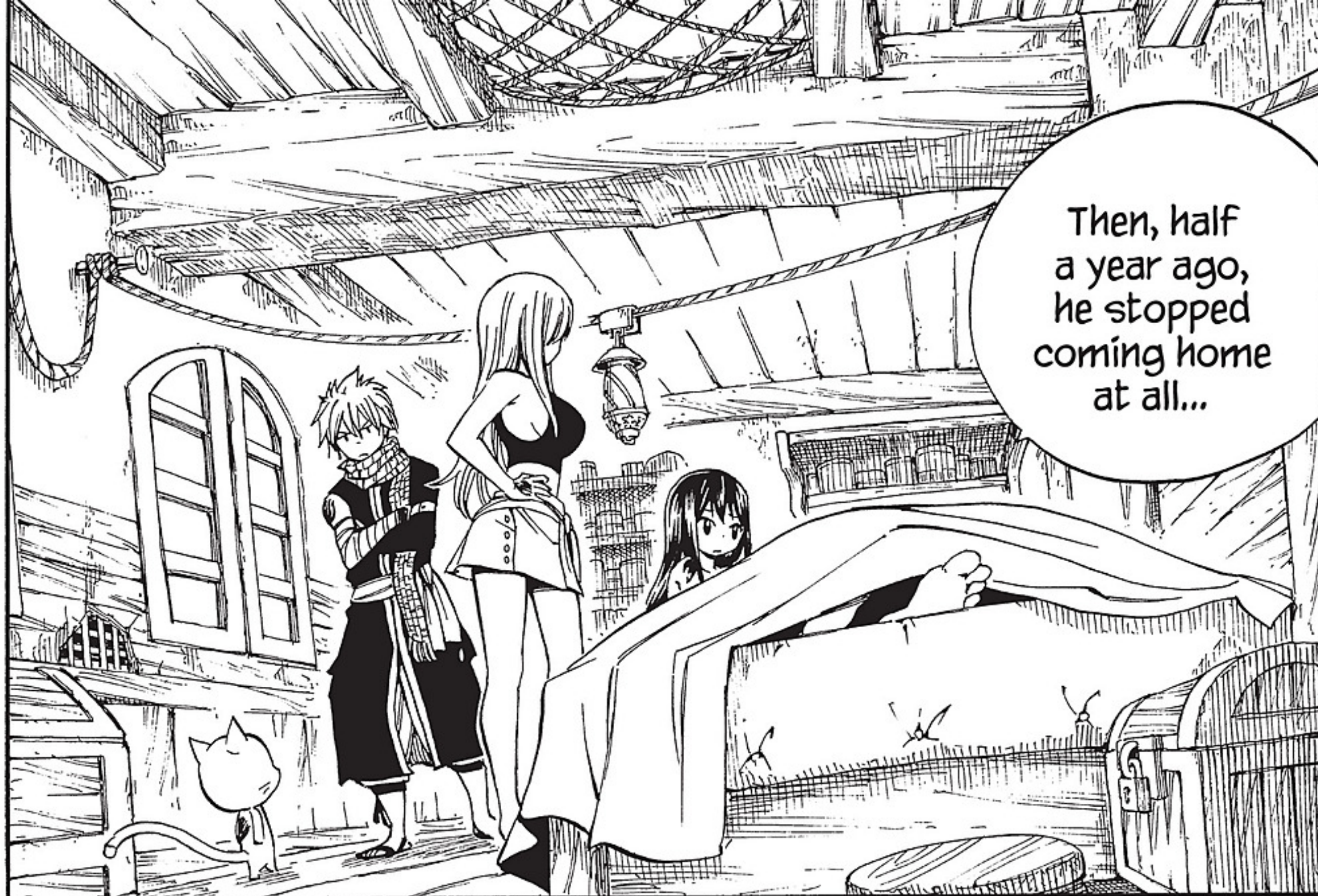


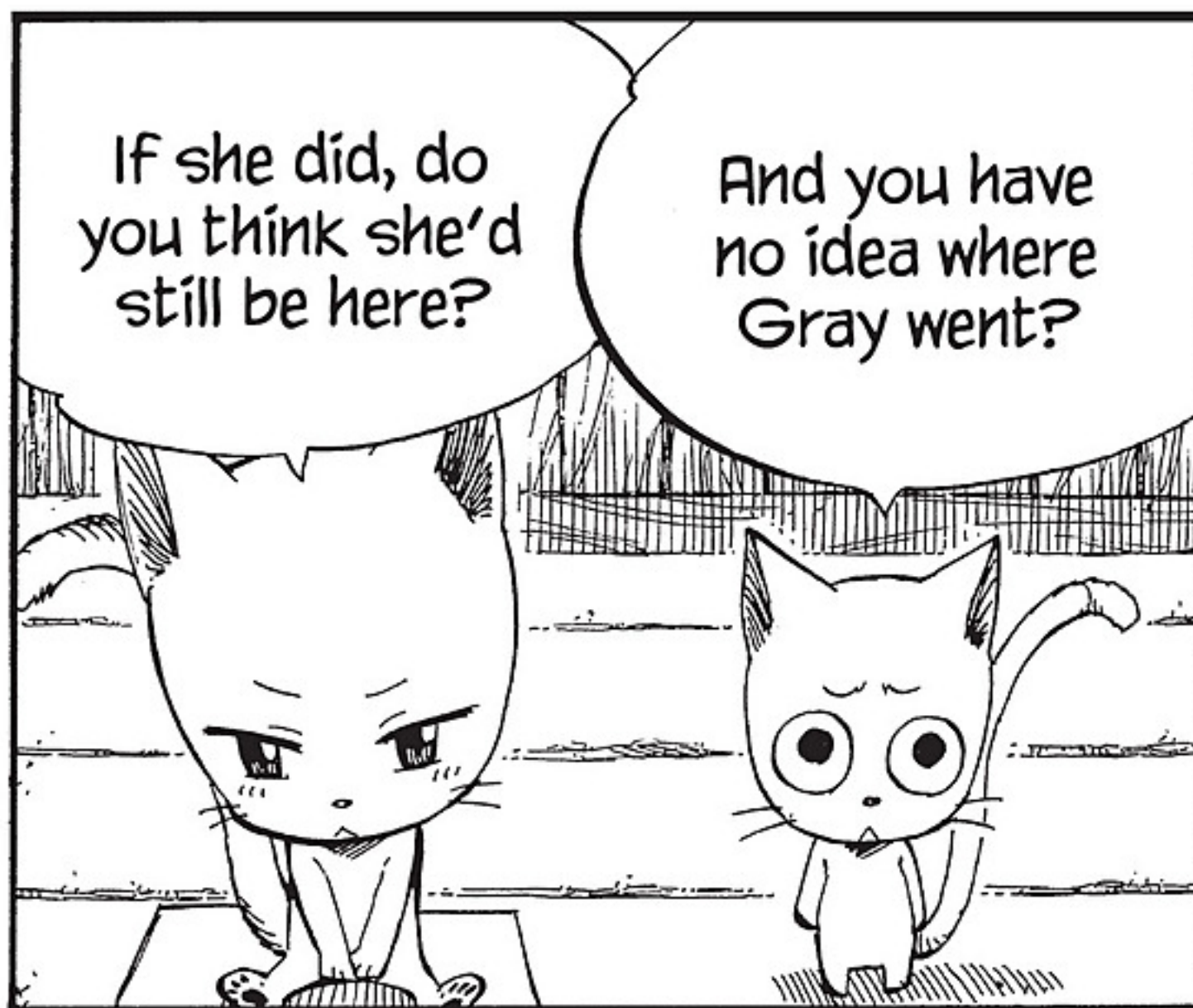
Juvia was so happy...

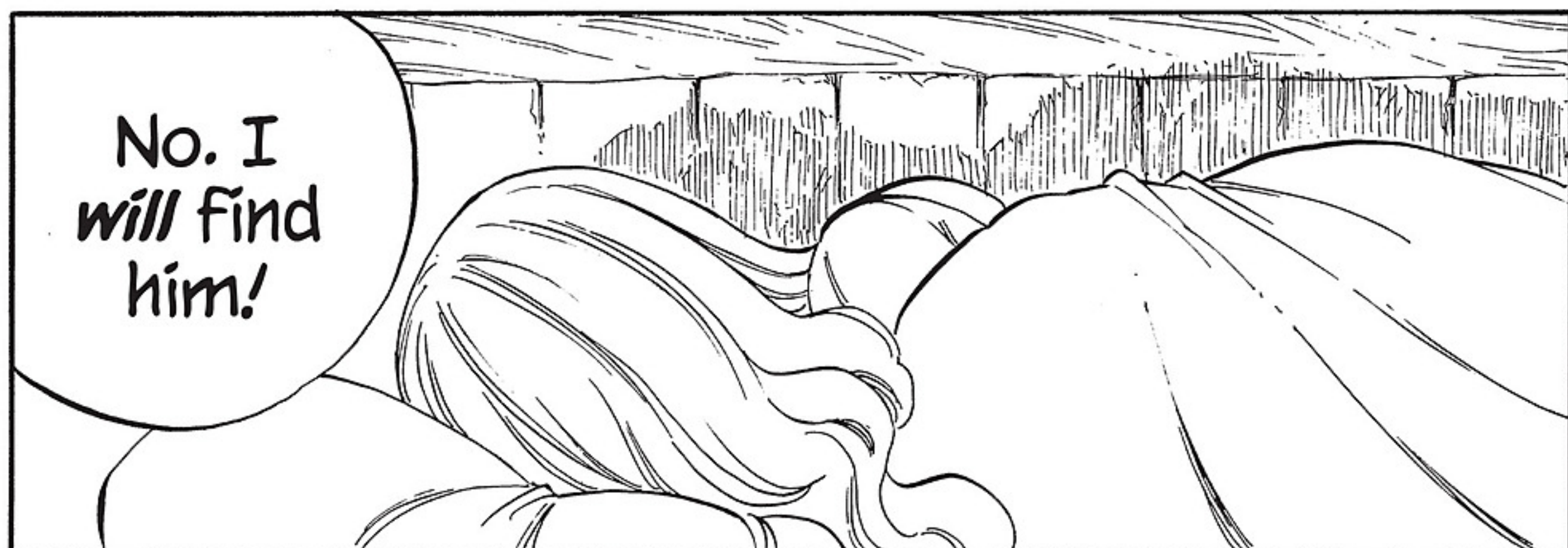
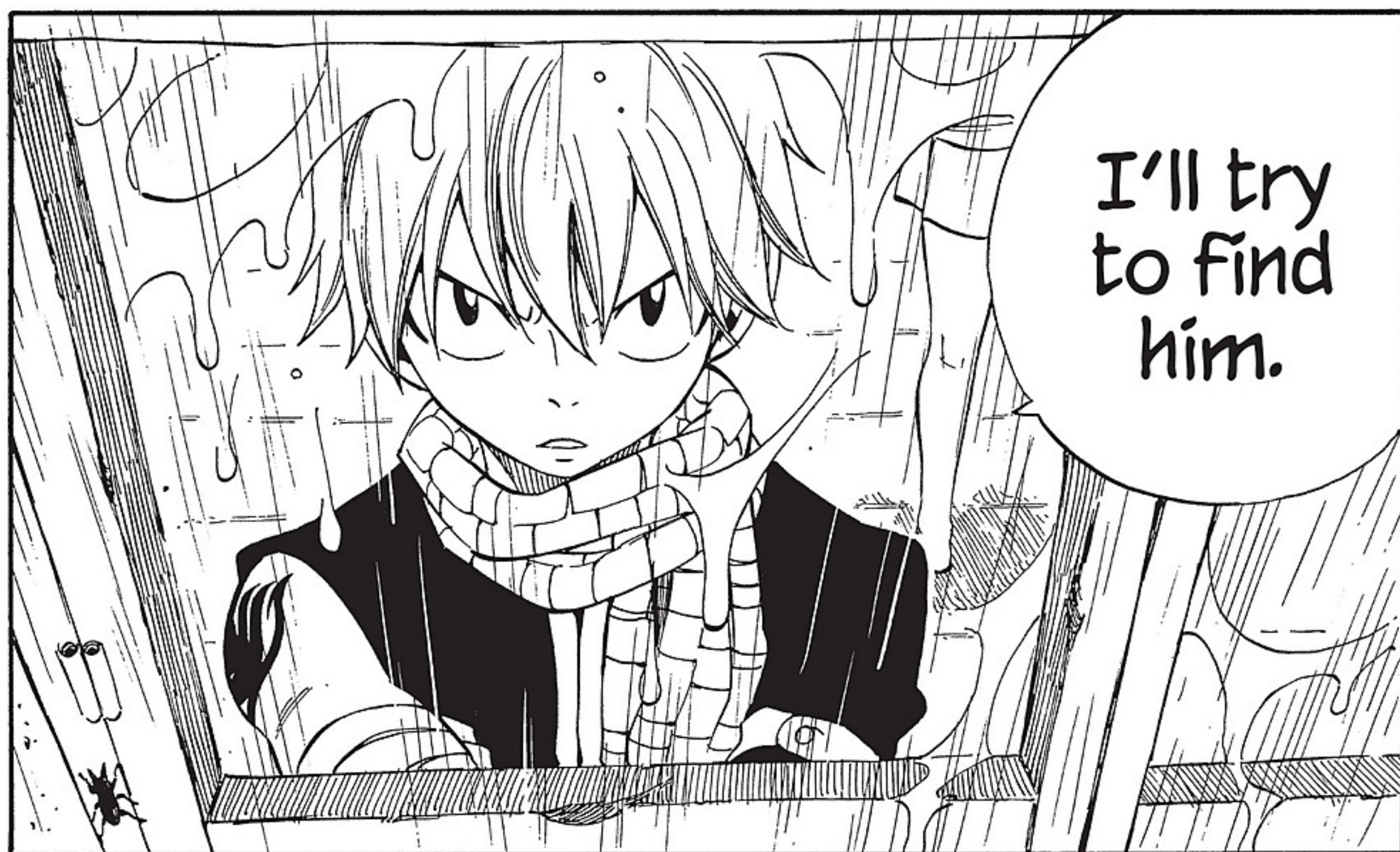
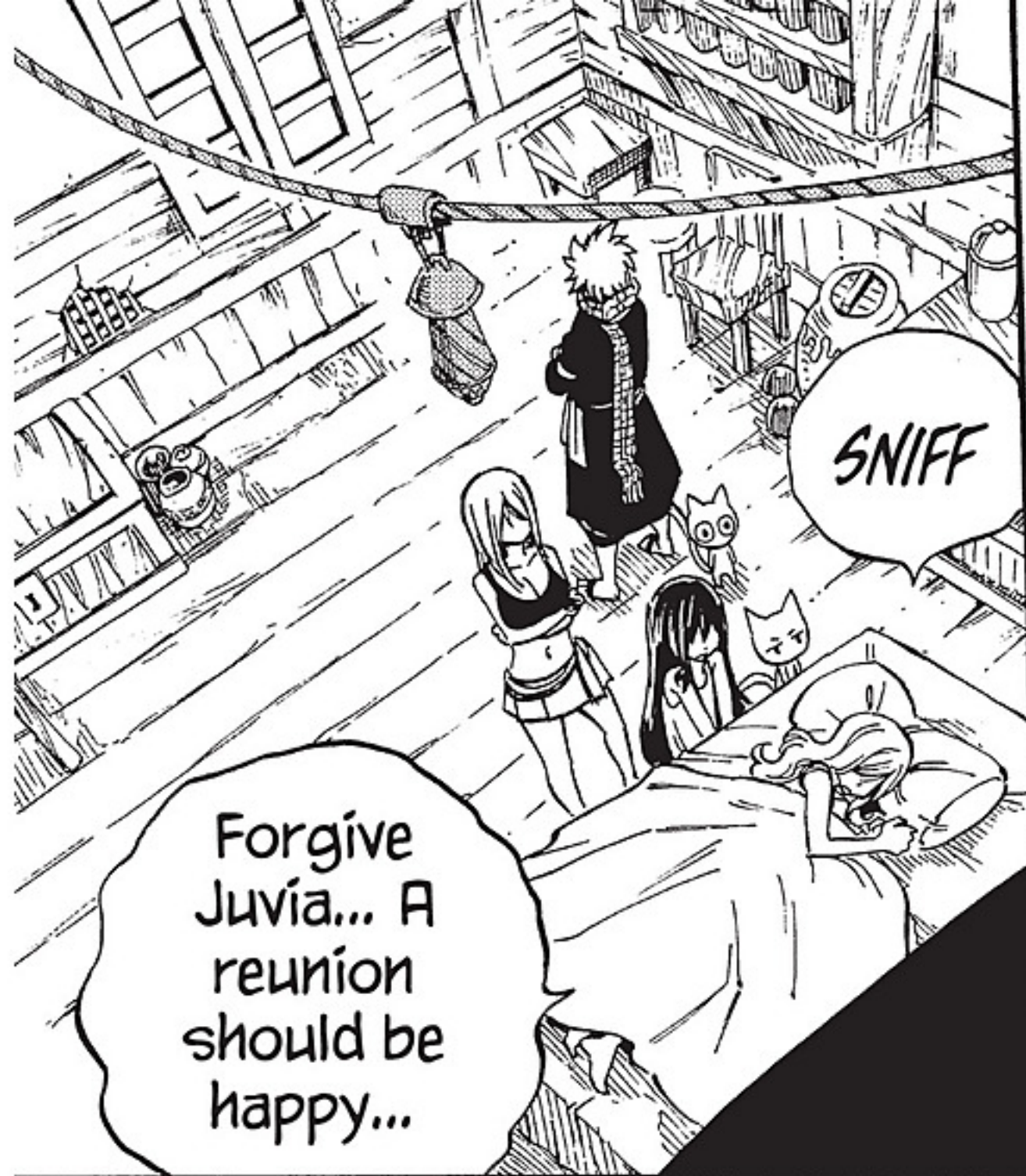
HAHA

HAHA





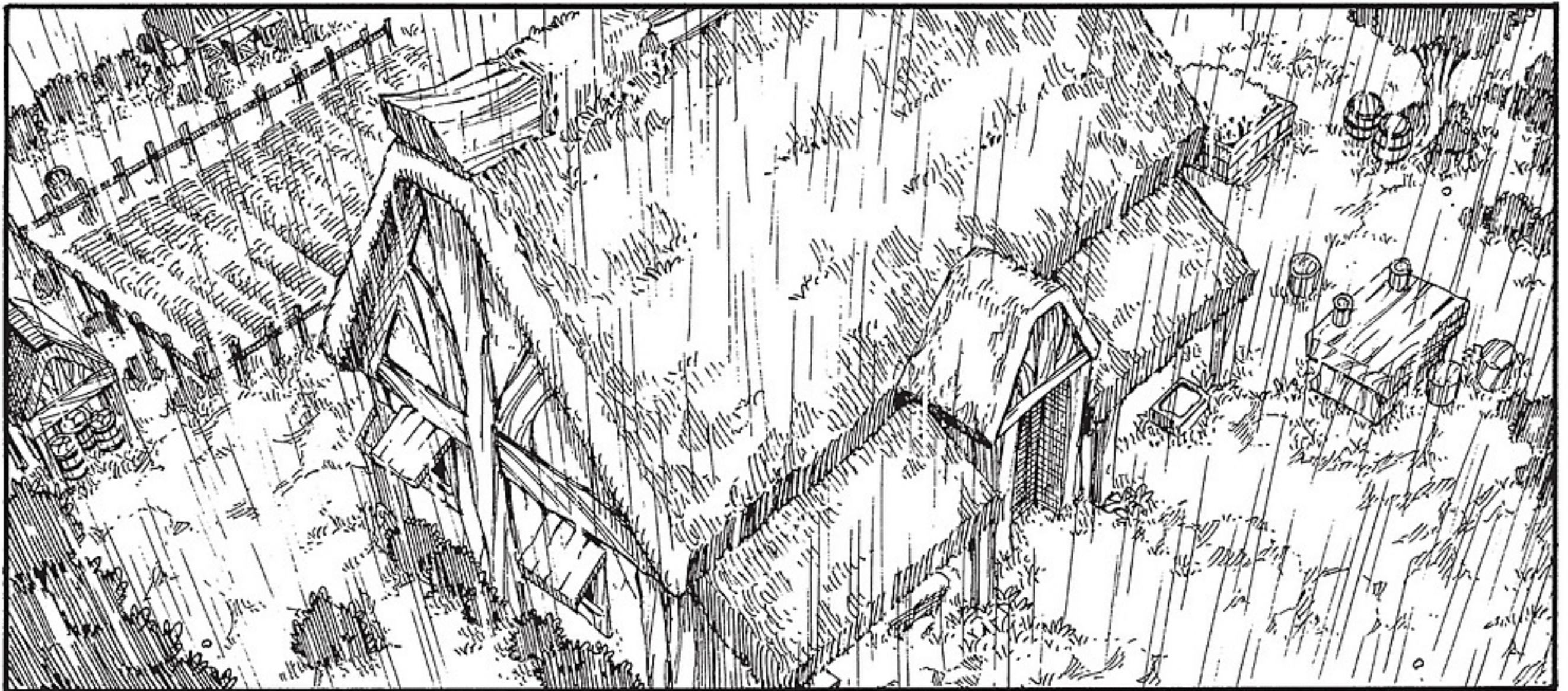
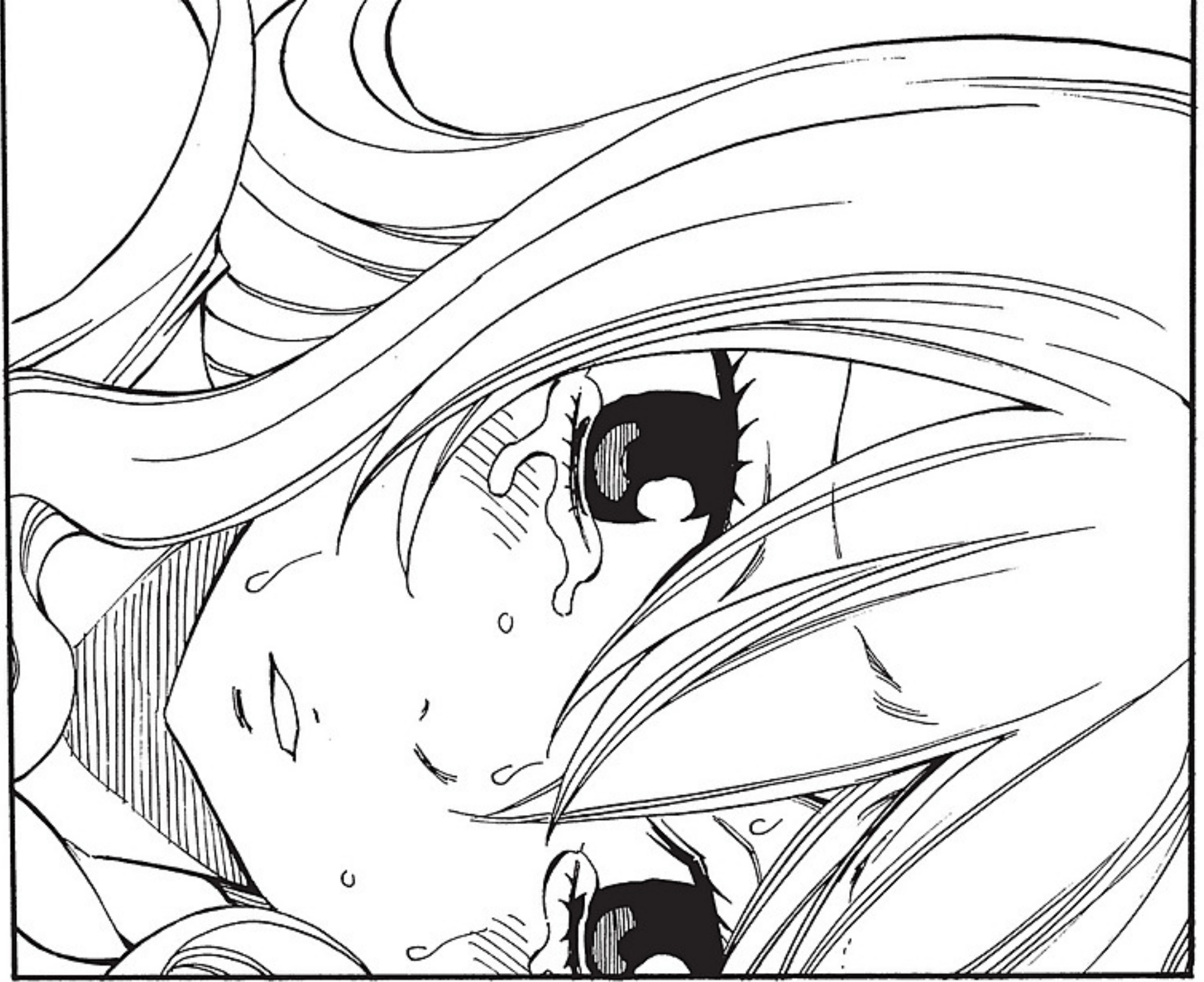
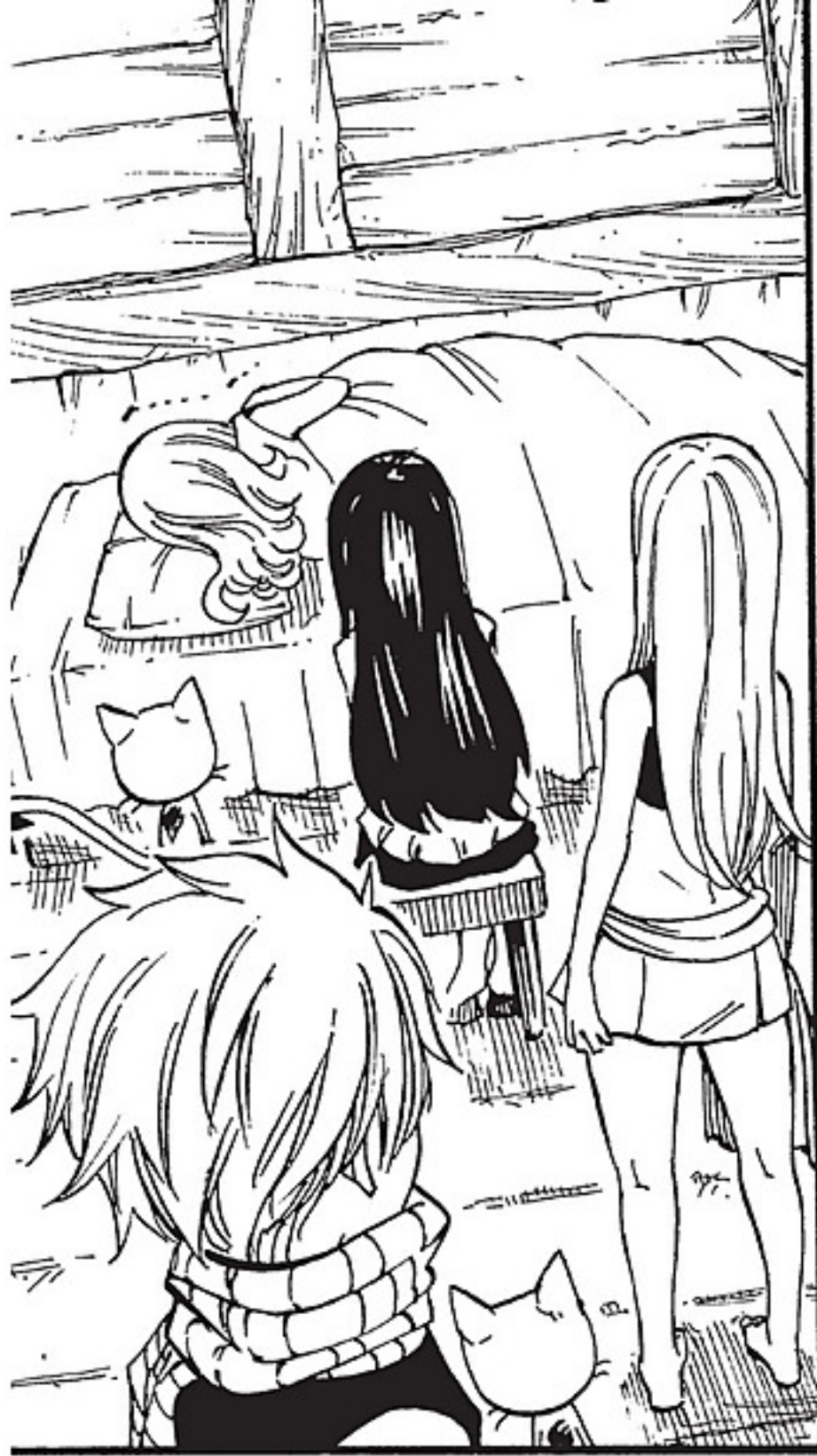


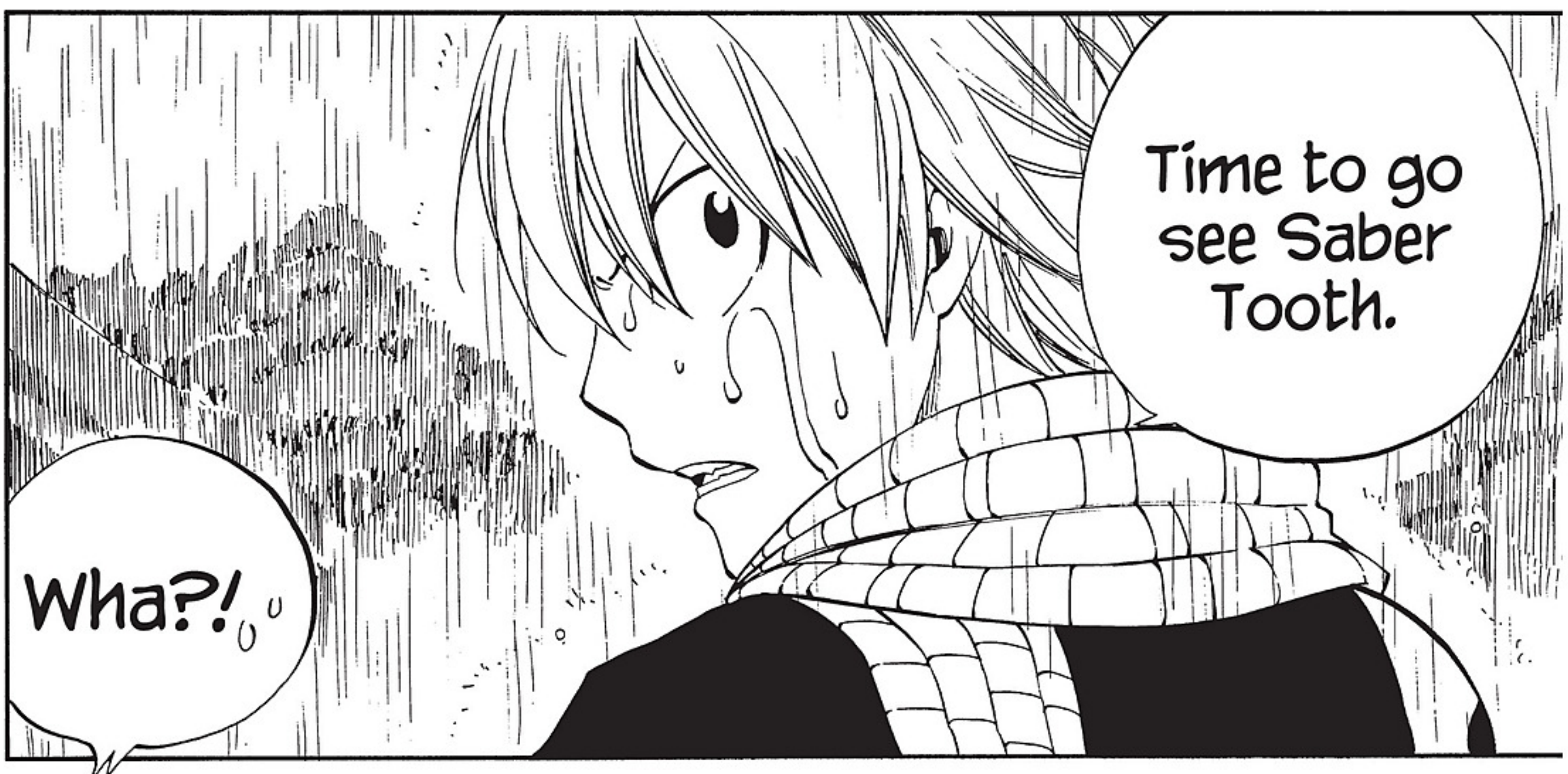
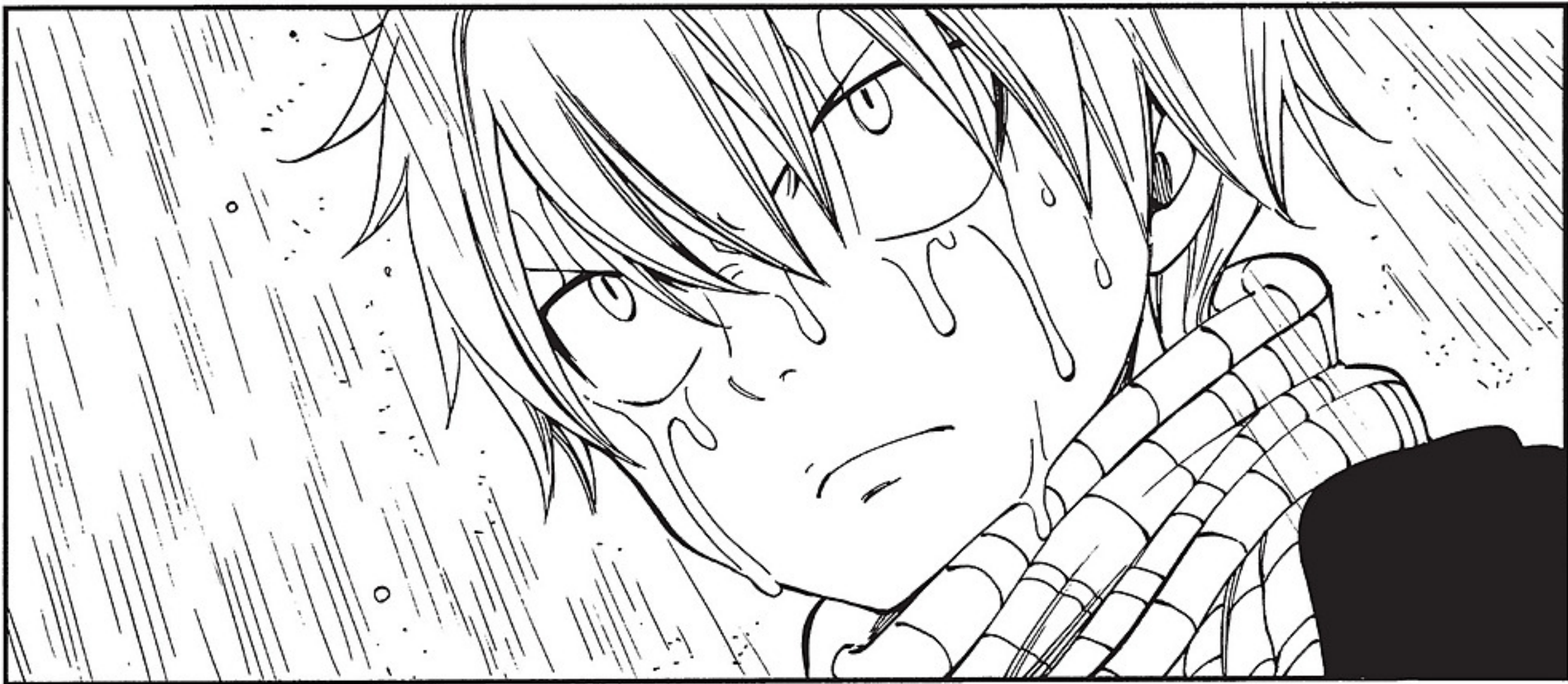


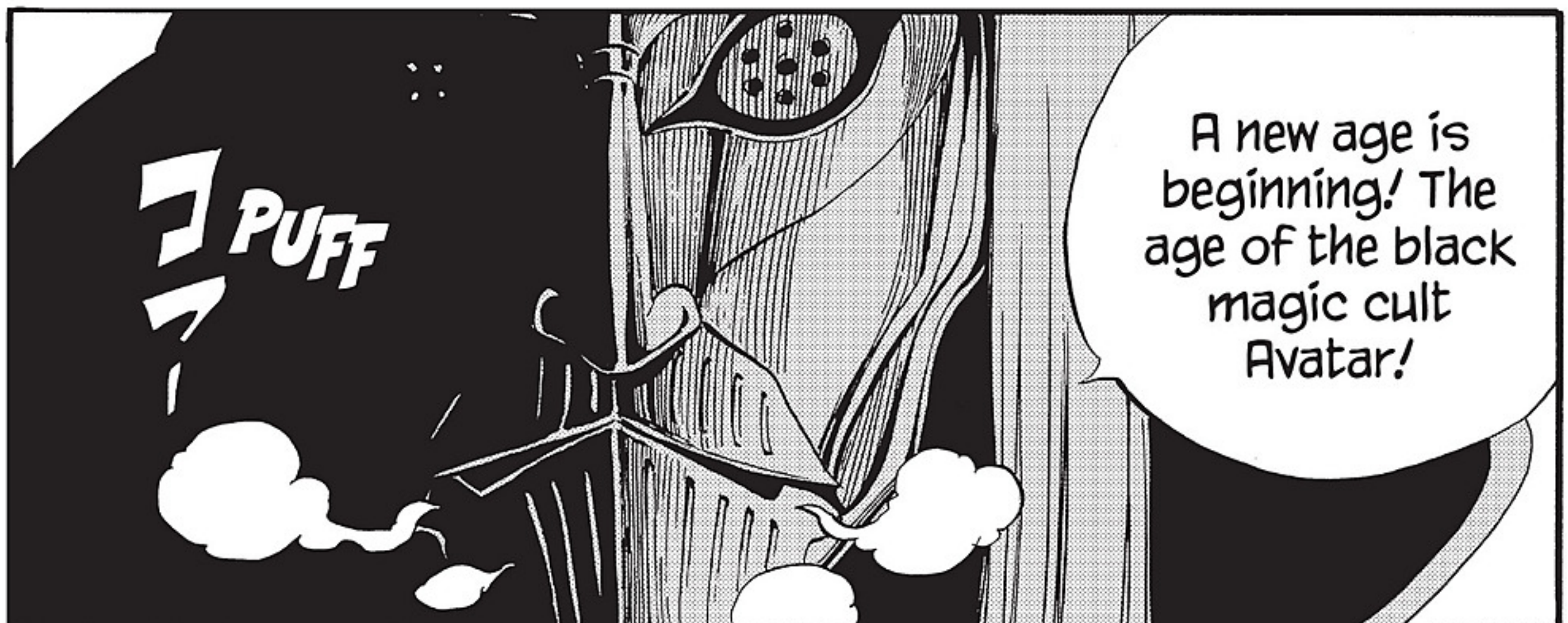


**We're
getting
all our
friends back
together!**

**We're
gonna
bring
back
Fairy
Tail!!**









Our
article of
faith...

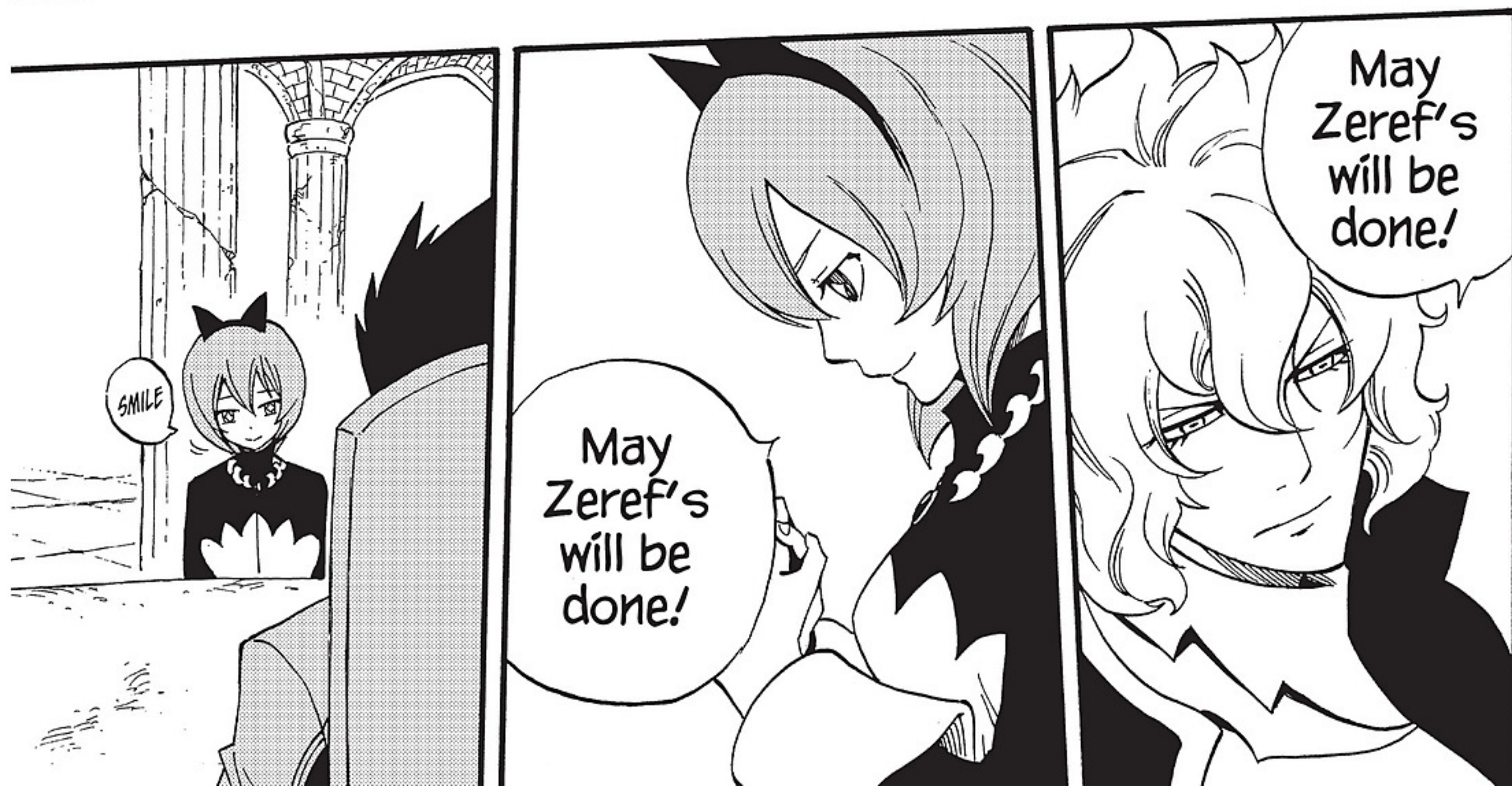
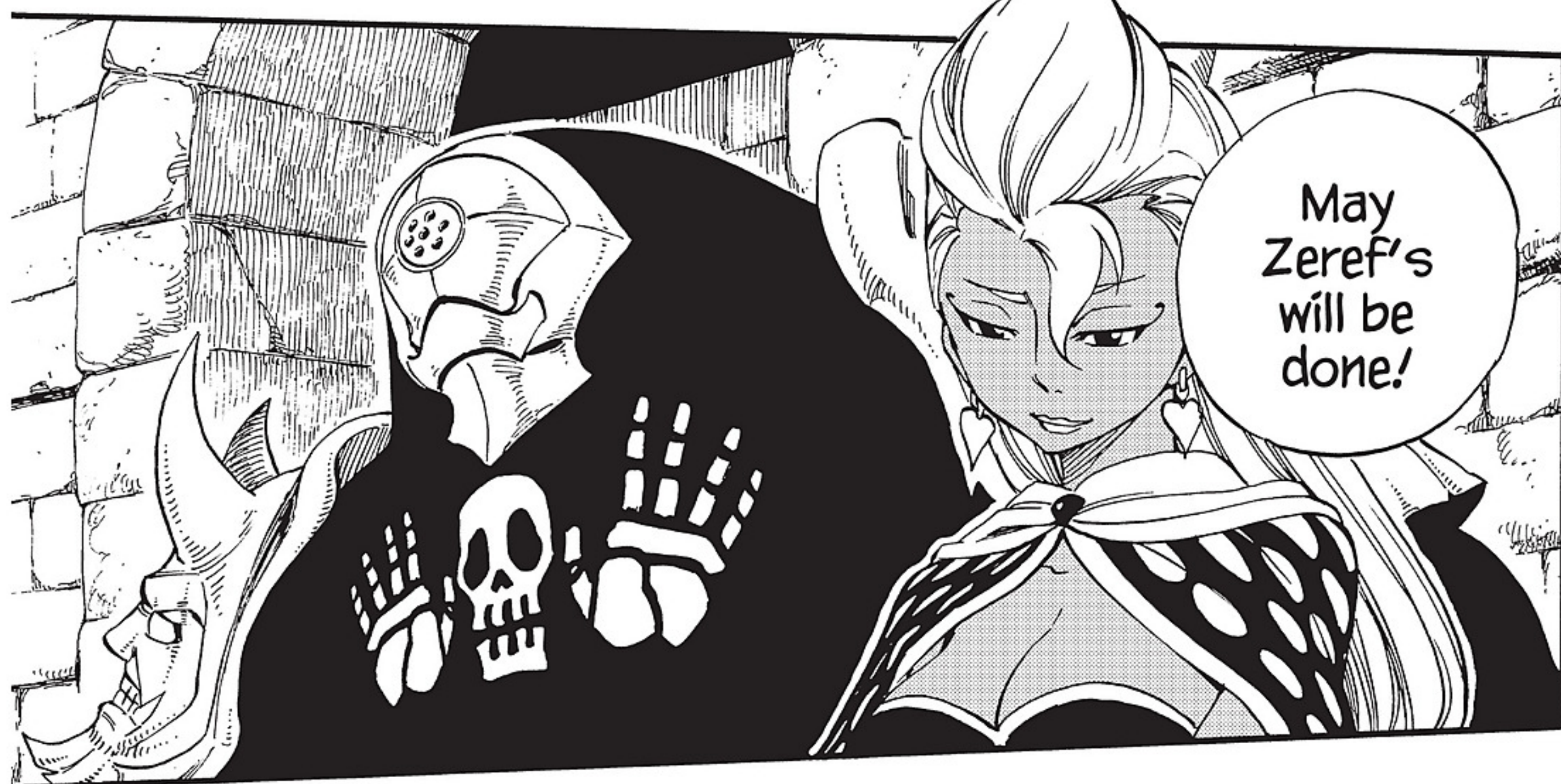
PUFF

...is that the
world shall
be as Zeref
the Black
Wizard
wishes it!



AVATAR BLACK
MAGIC CULT

HIGH PRIEST
ALOK



A black and white manga-style illustration of Gray Fullbuster. He is shown from the waist up, leaning against a stone wall. He has spiky black hair and is wearing a dark, high-collared coat with white trim and a white scarf. He is looking off to the side with a slight, confident smile. A speech bubble is positioned in the upper right corner of the frame. The background consists of a rough stone wall and a tiled floor.

May
Zeref's
will be
done!



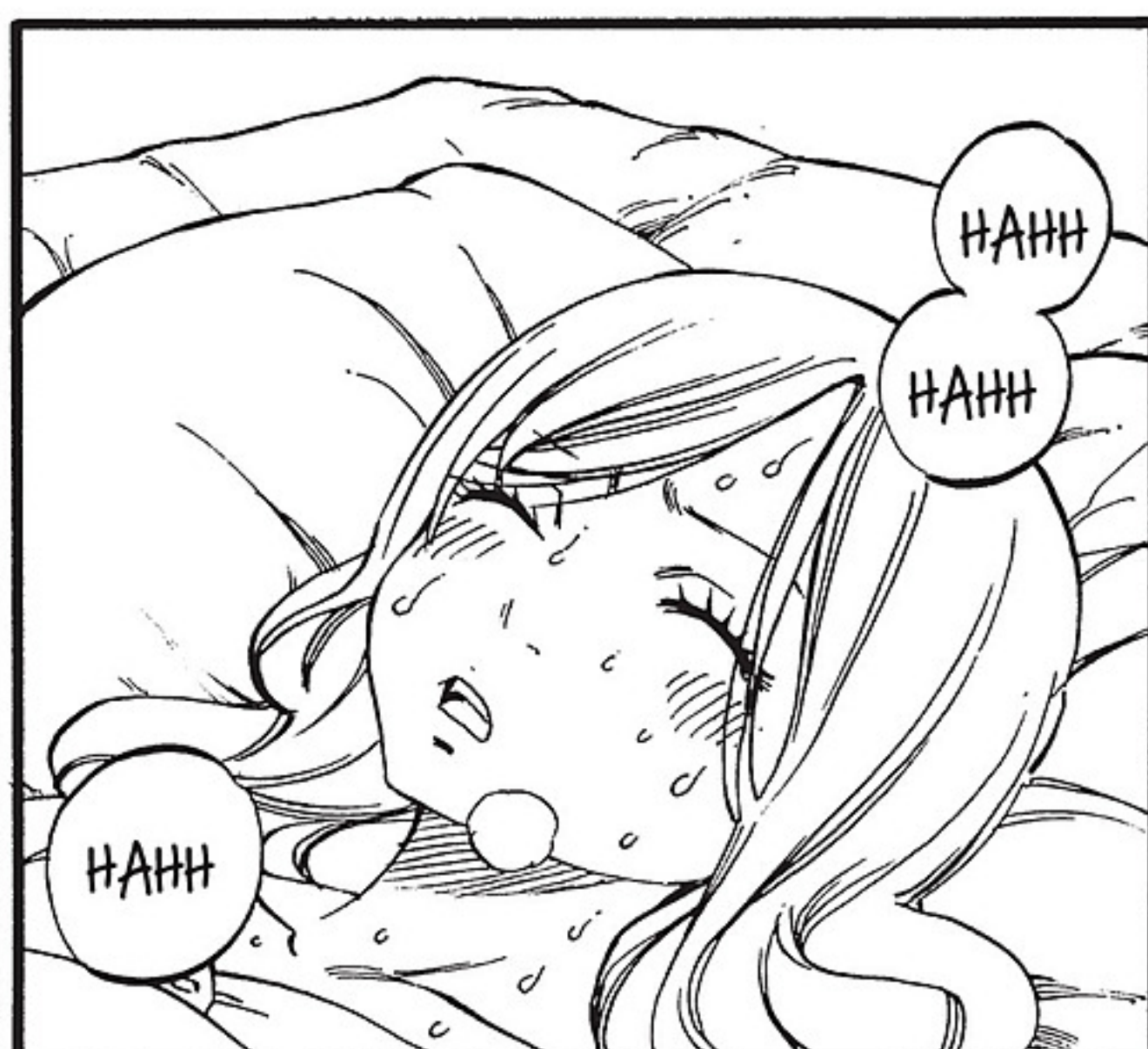
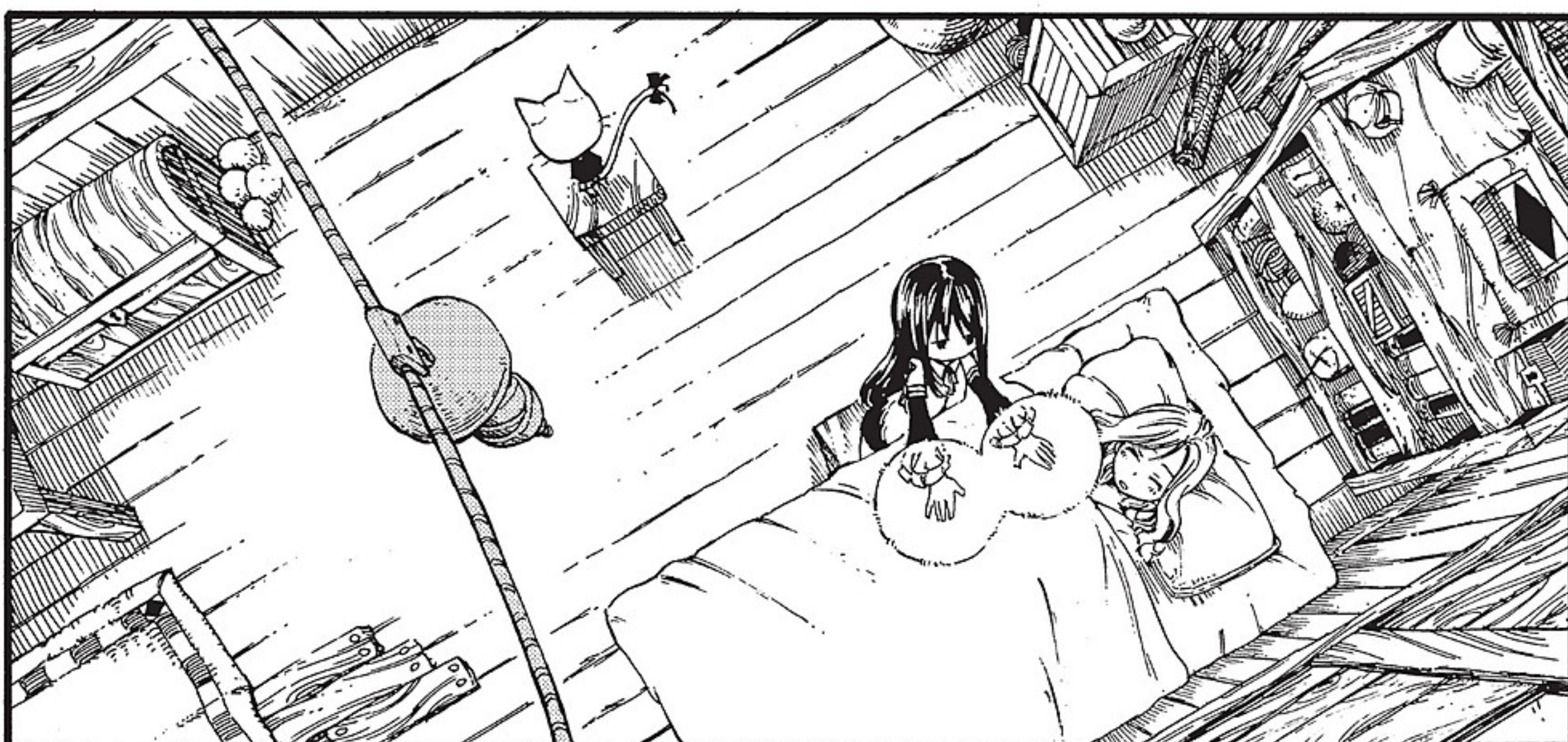
AVATAR BLACK
MAGIC CULT

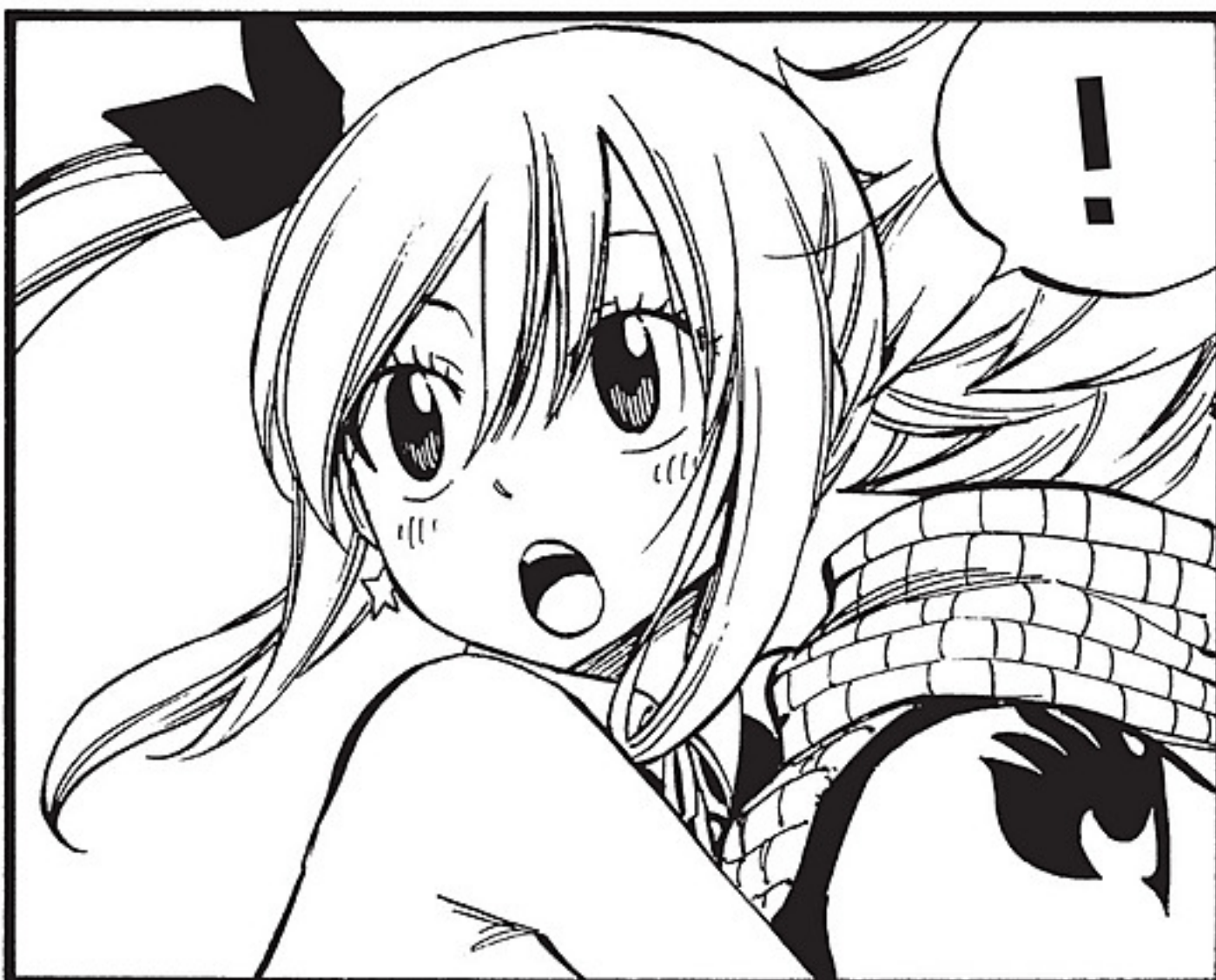
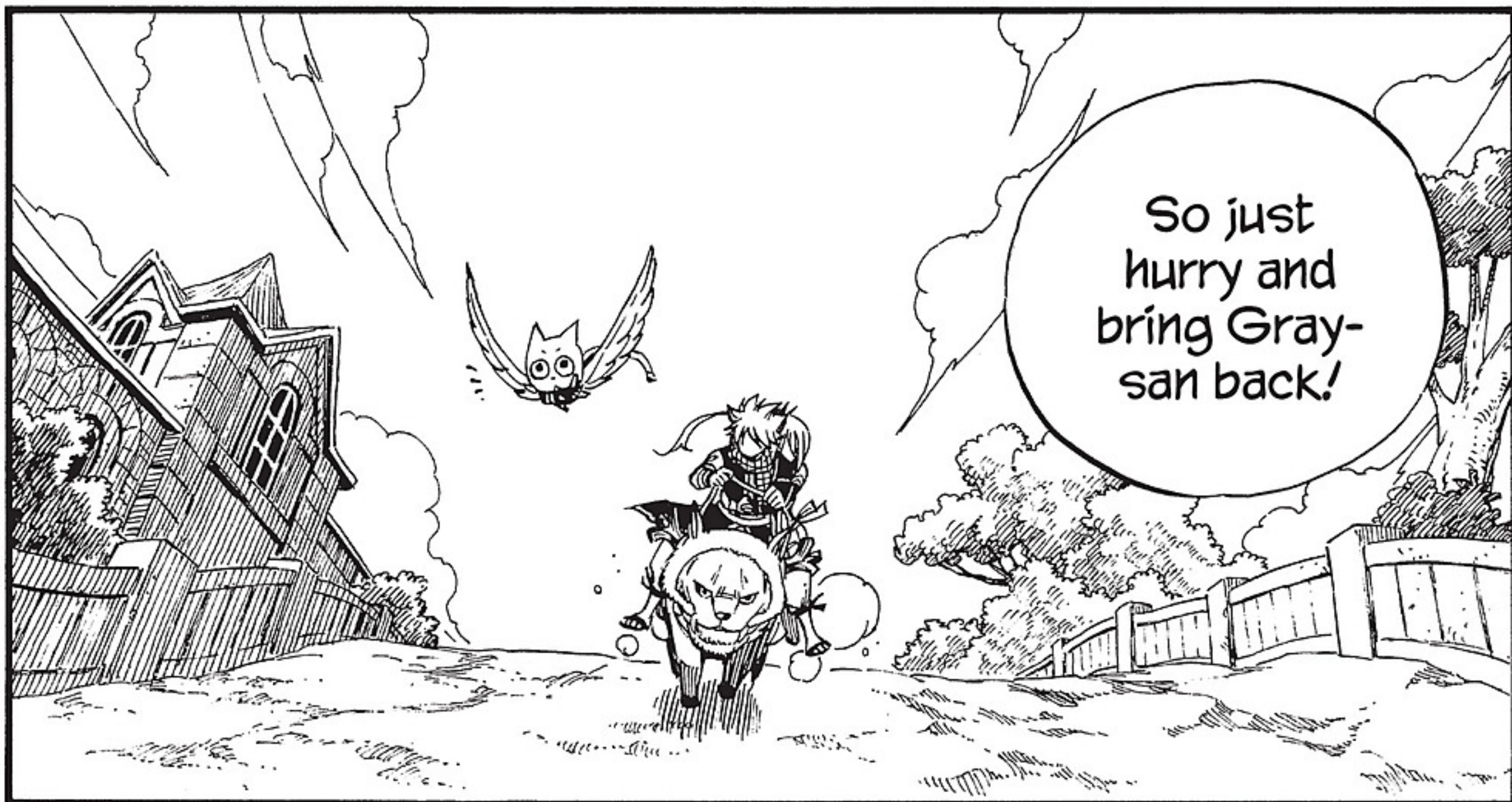
**GRAY
FULLBUSTER**

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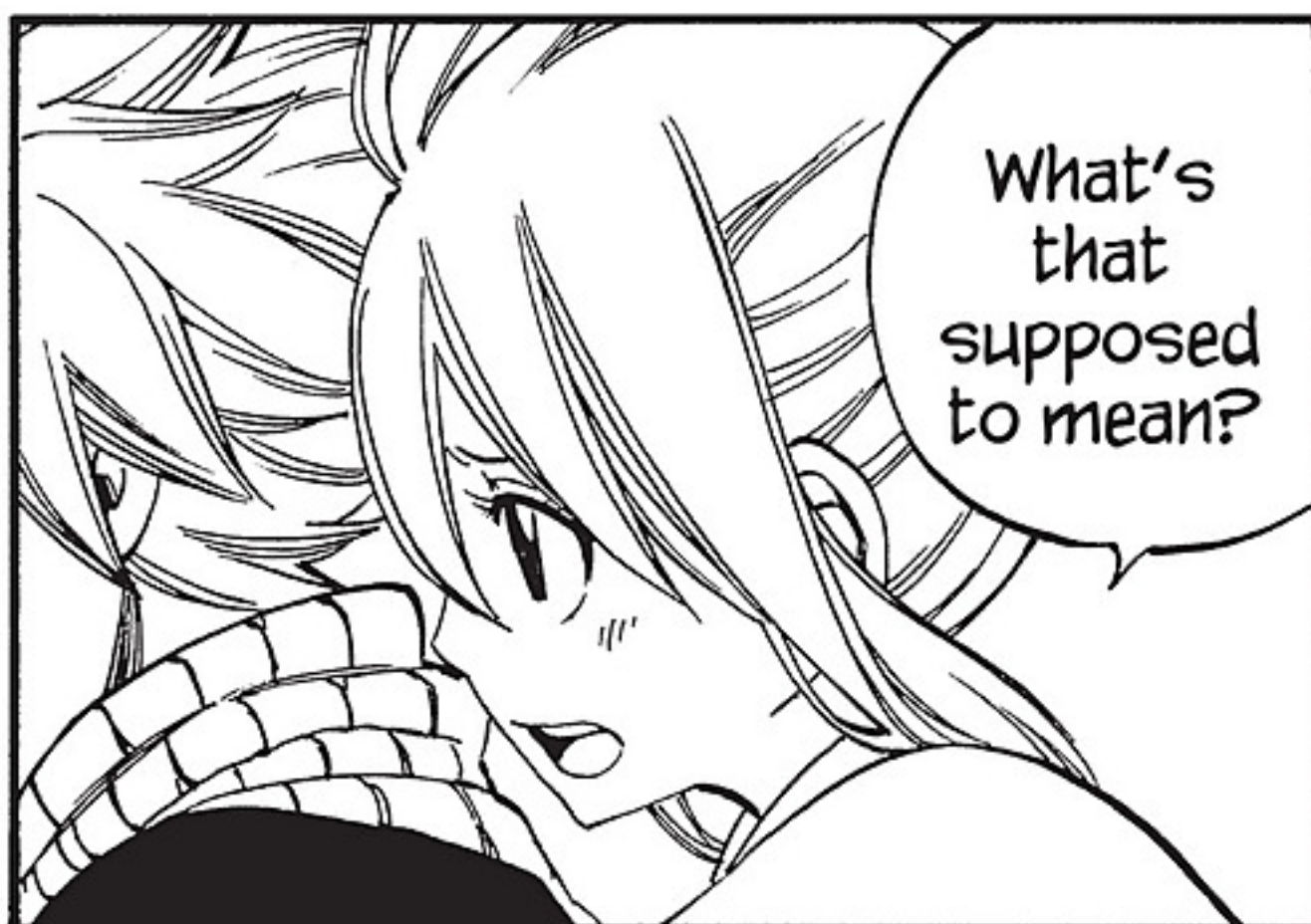


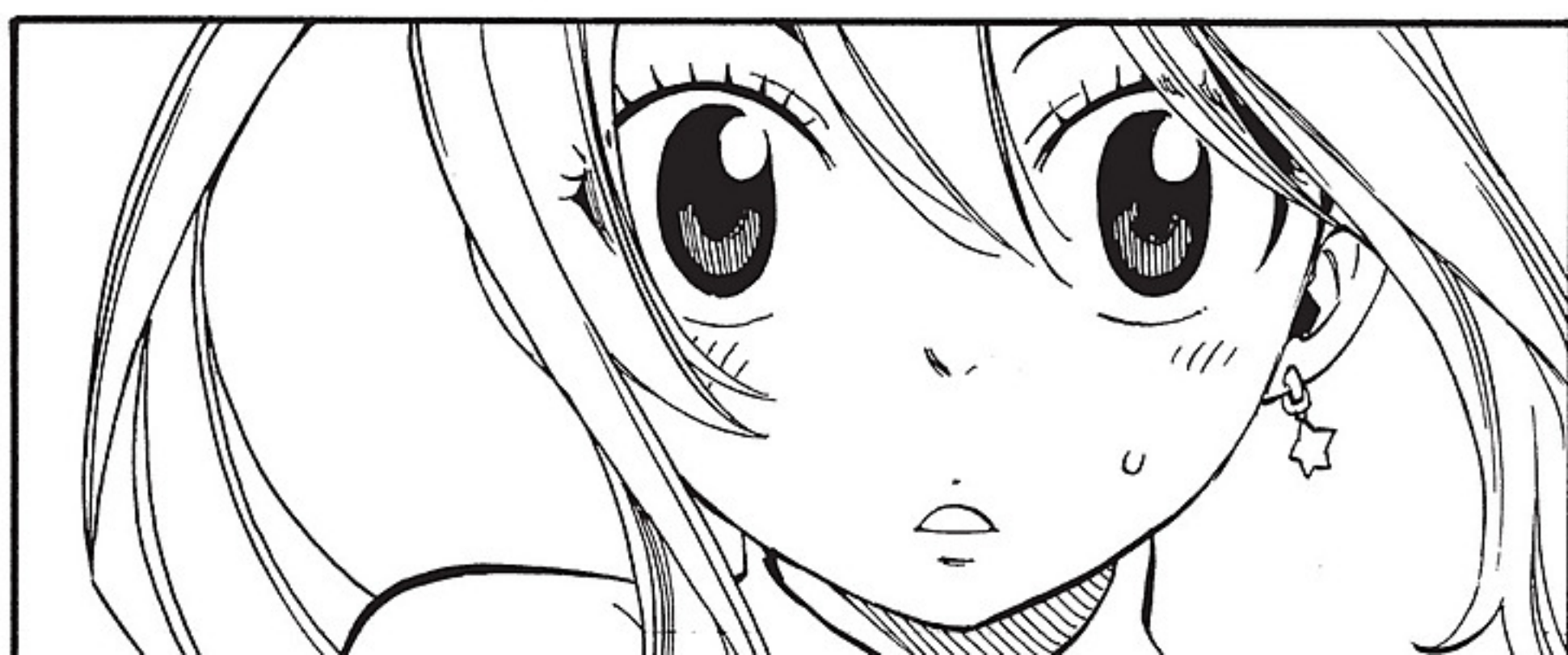
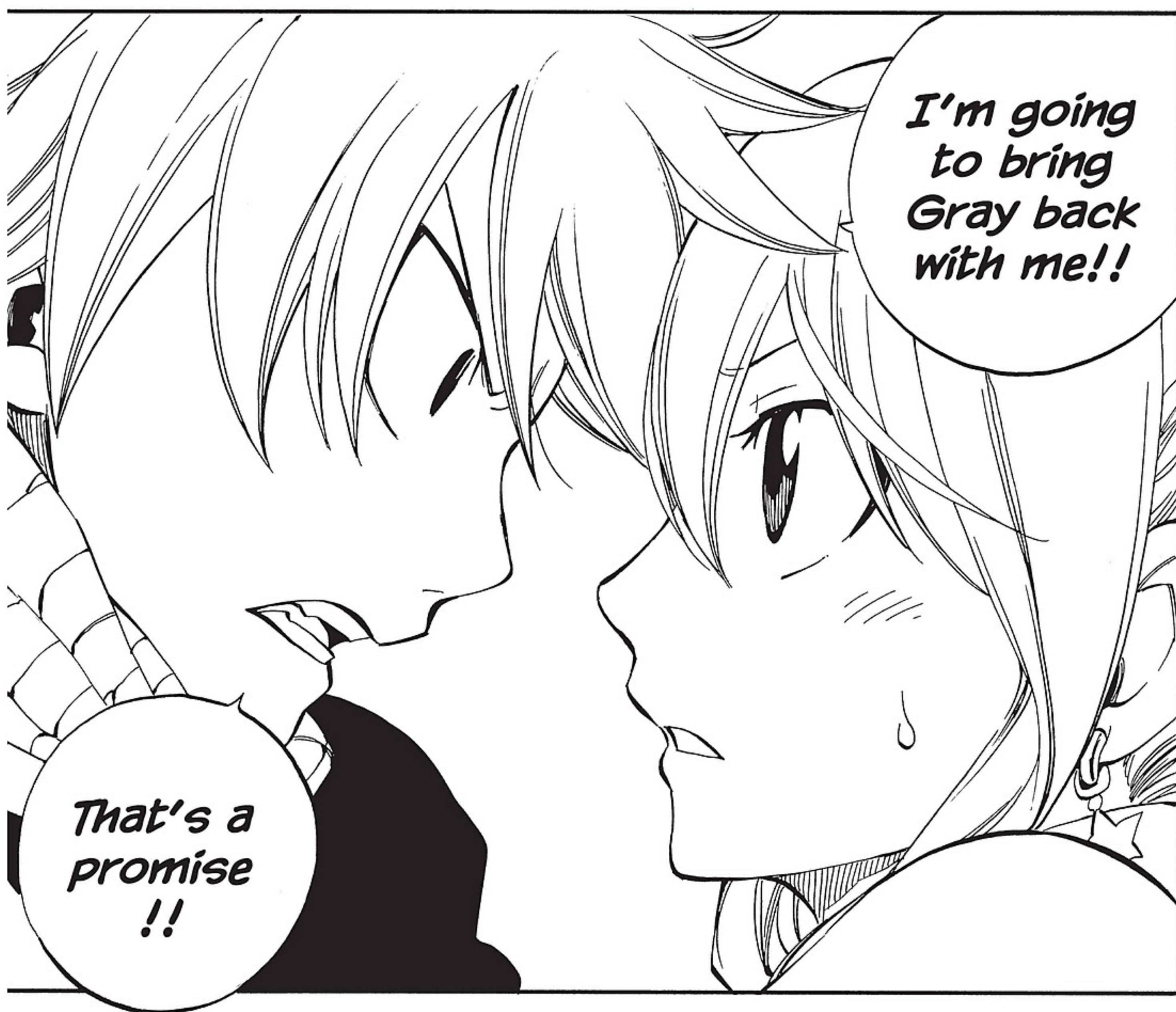
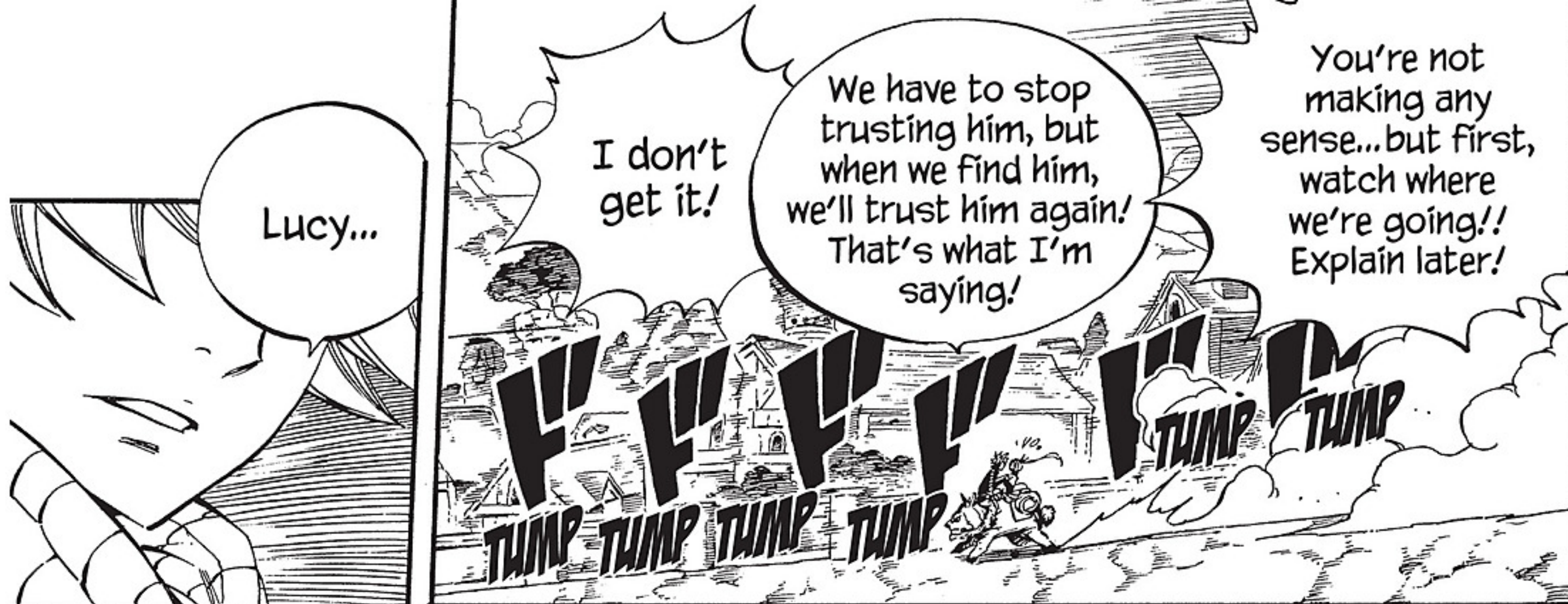


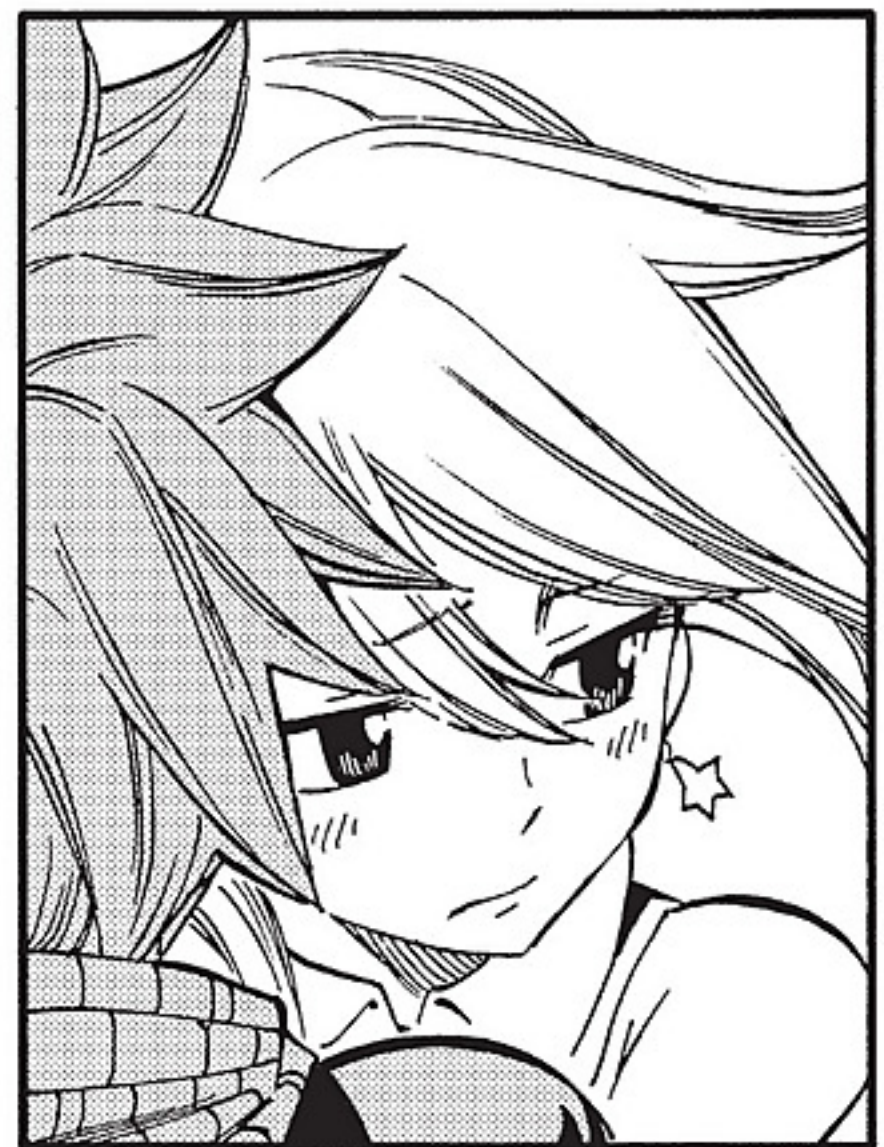
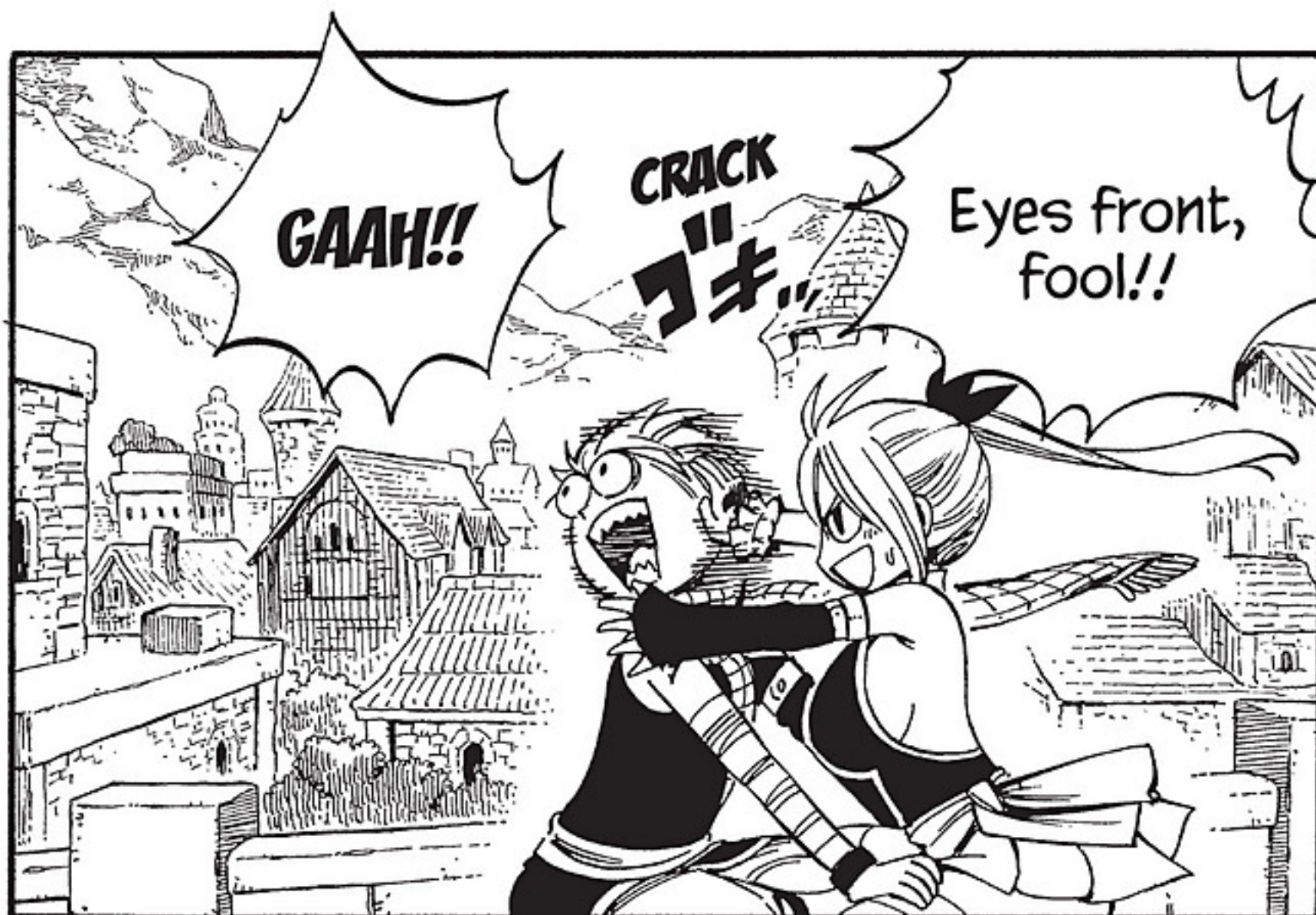


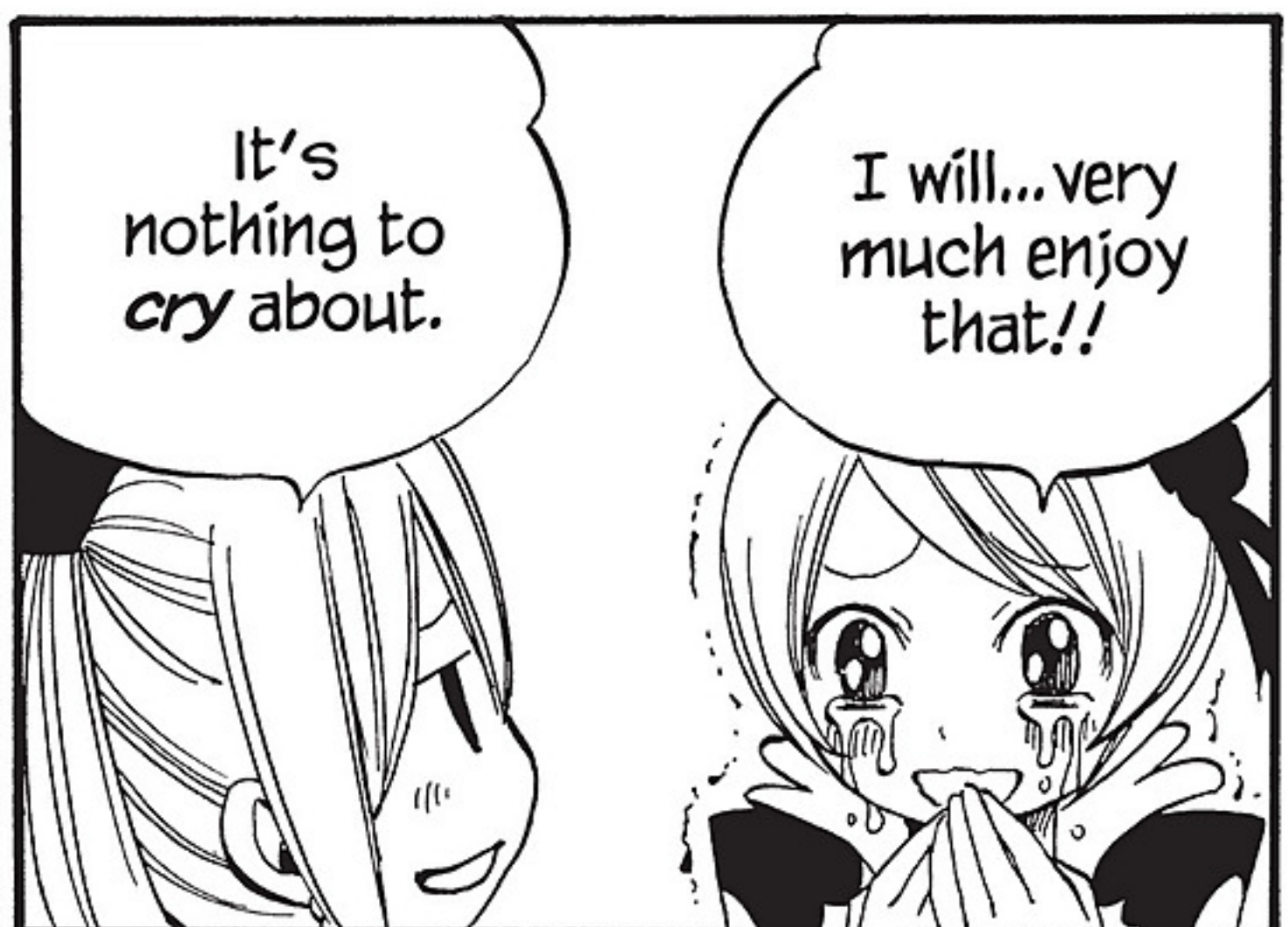
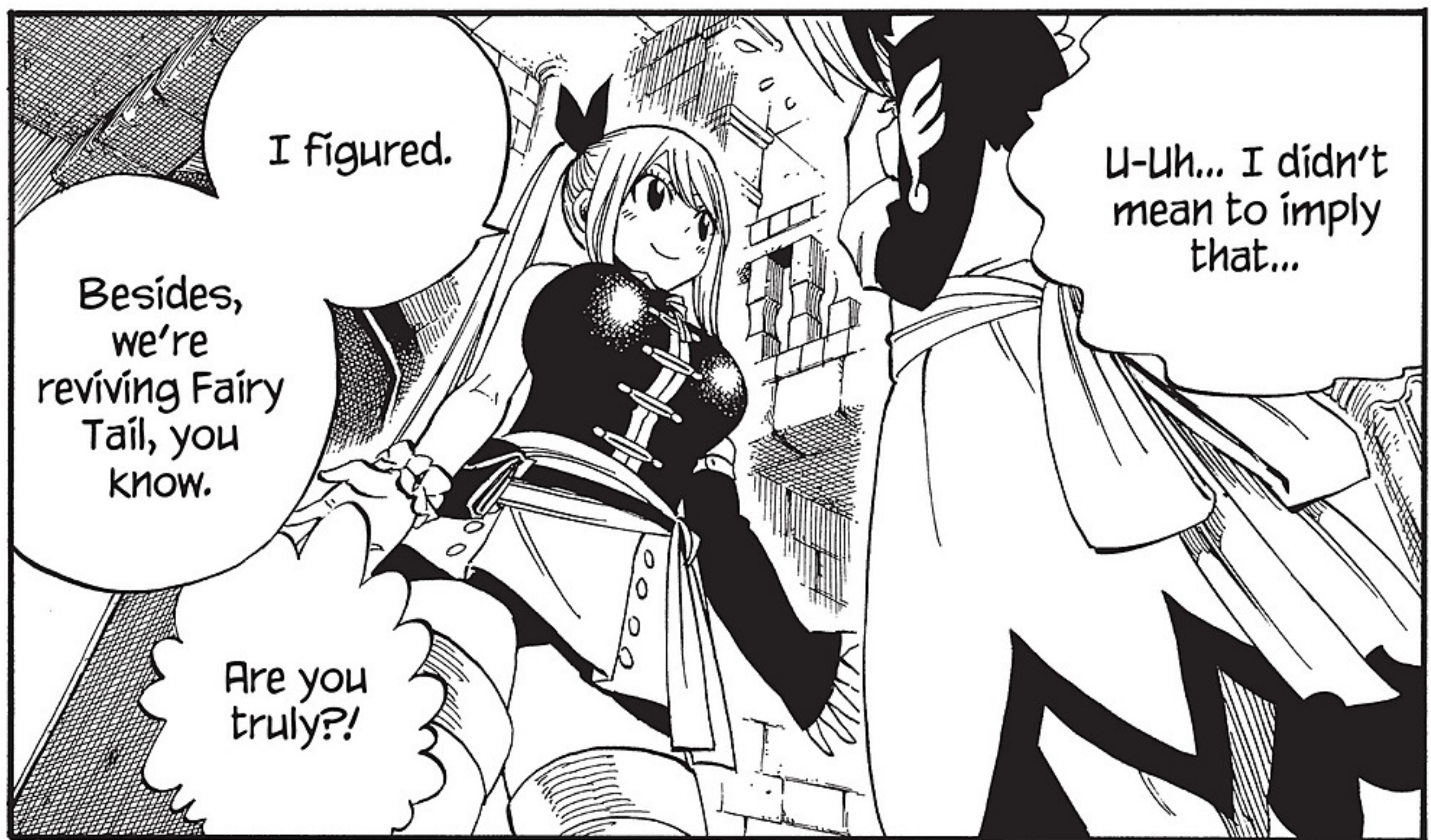


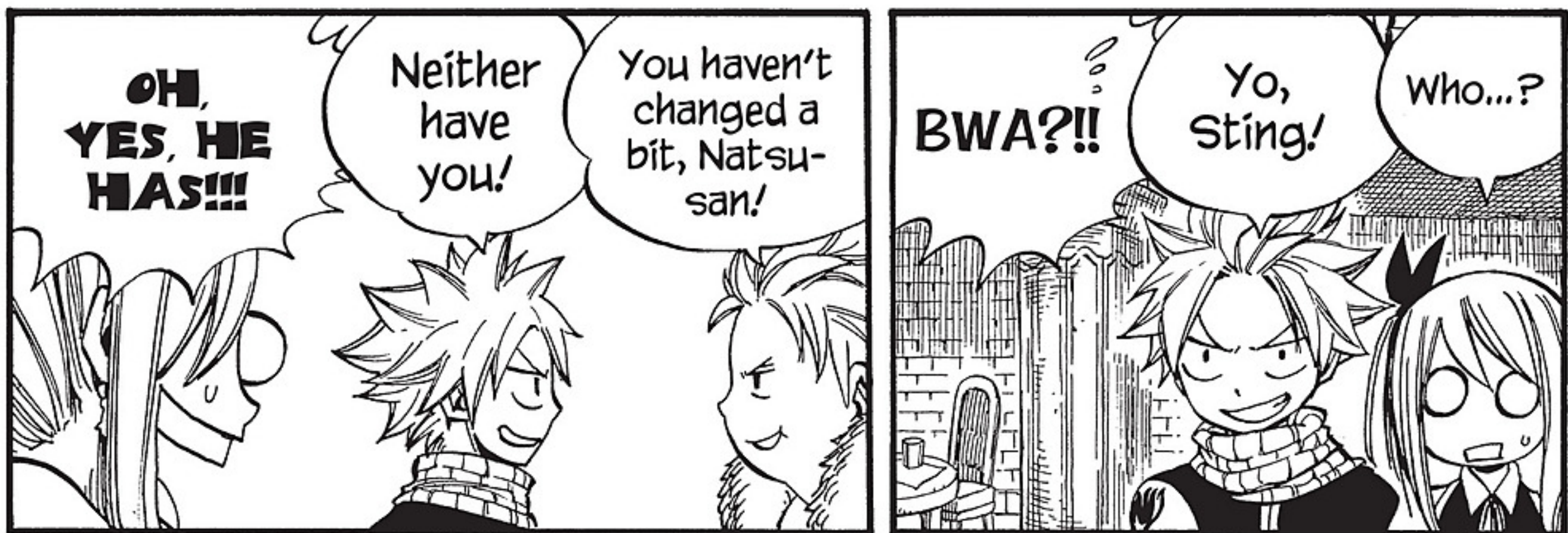
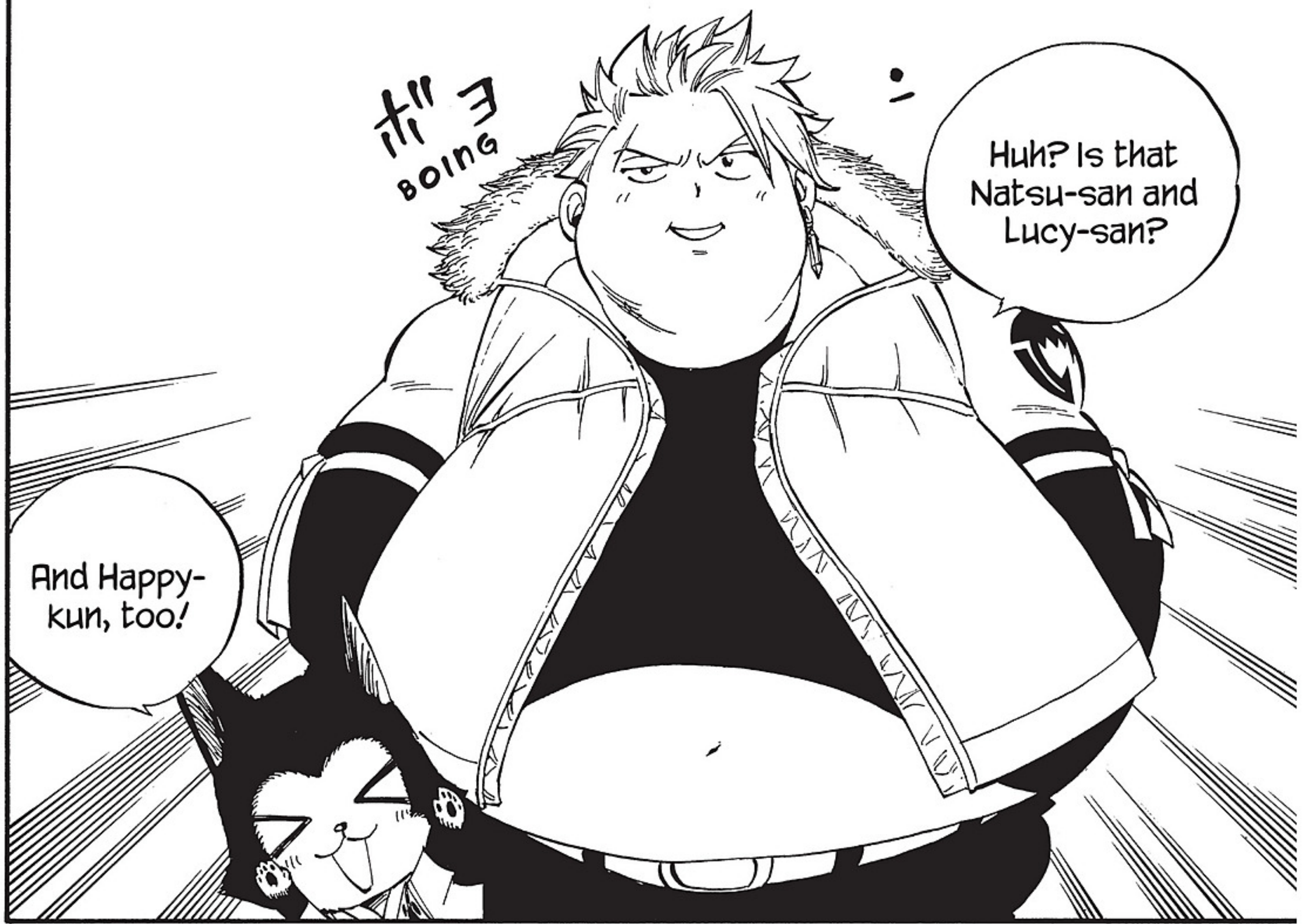


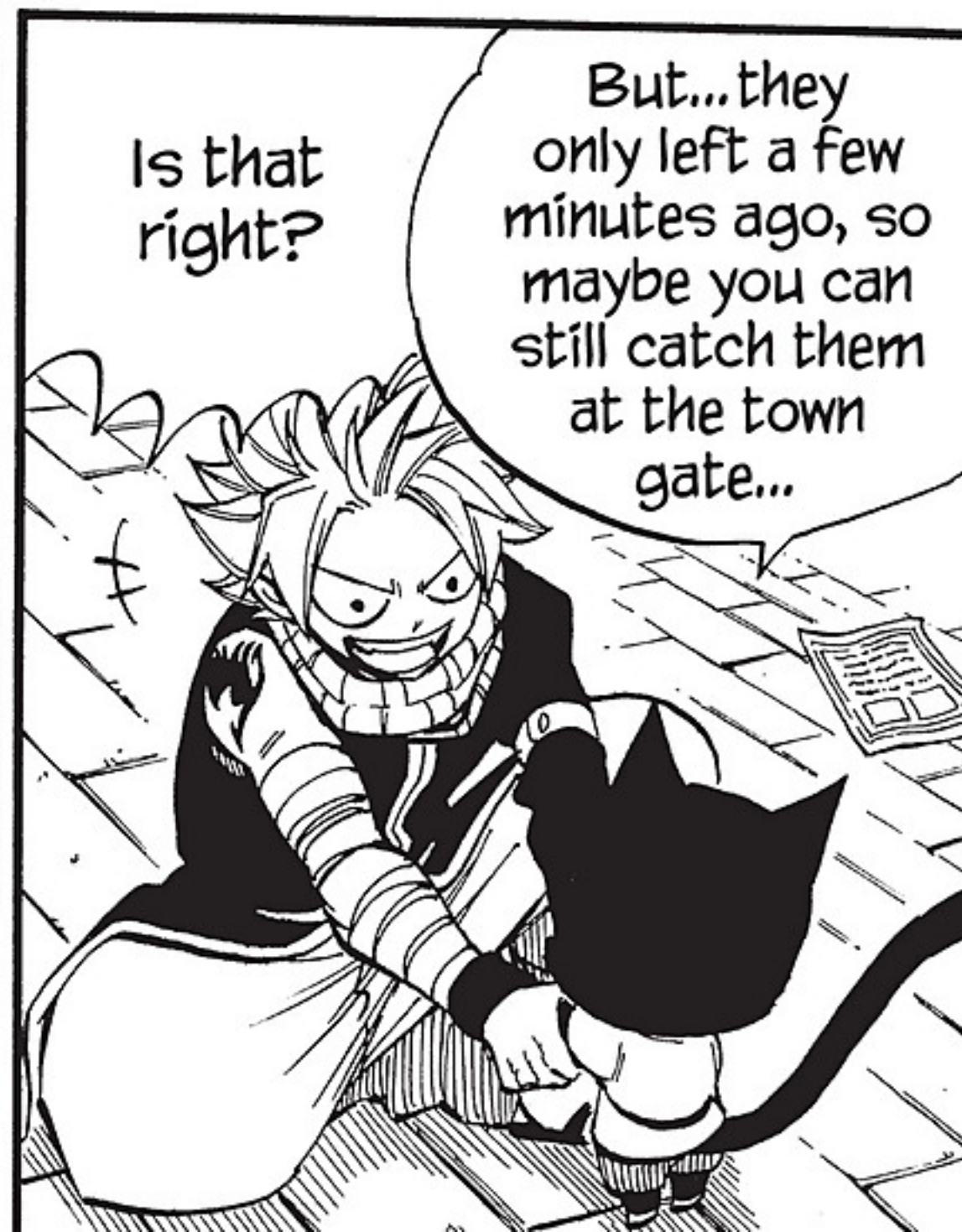
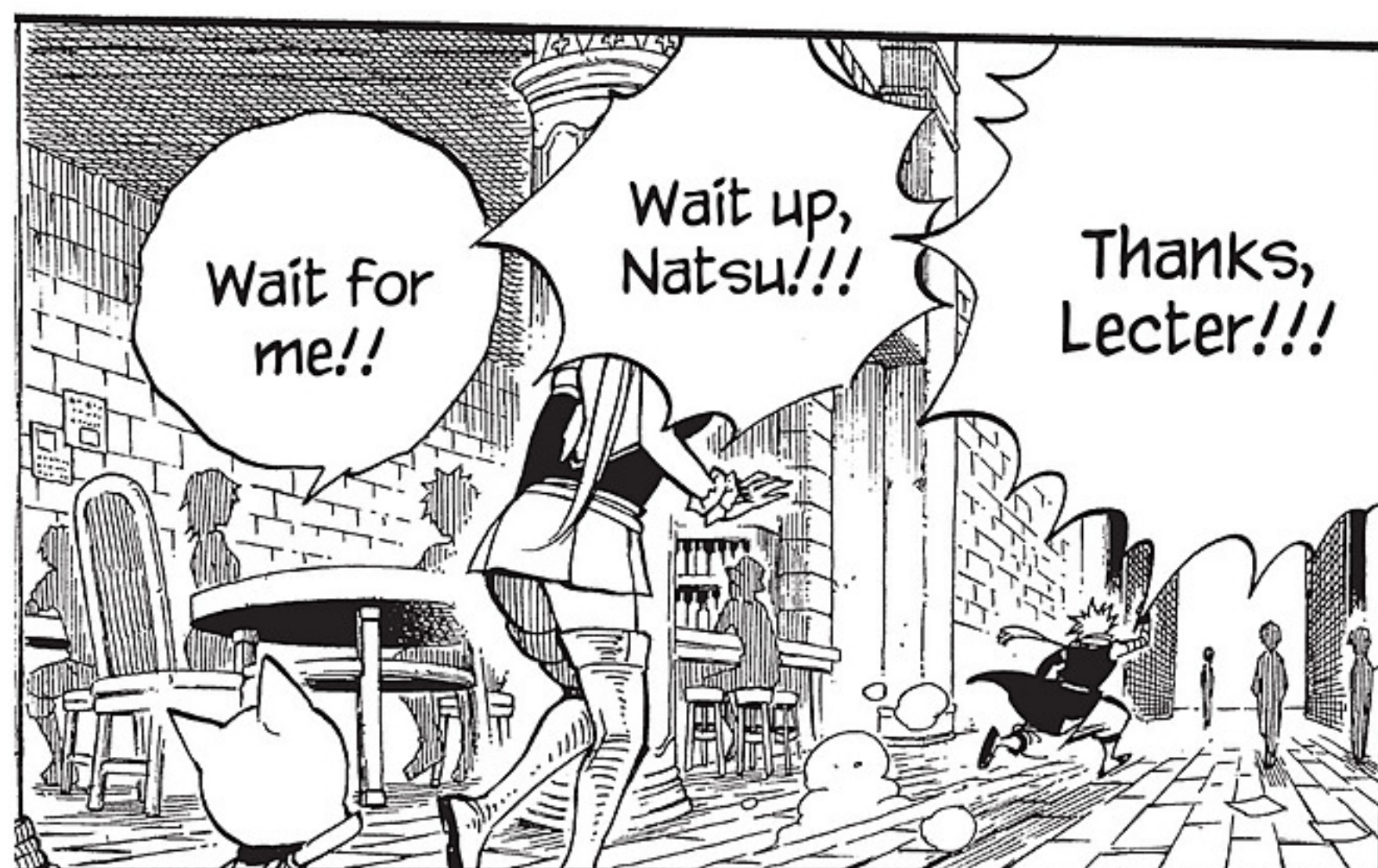
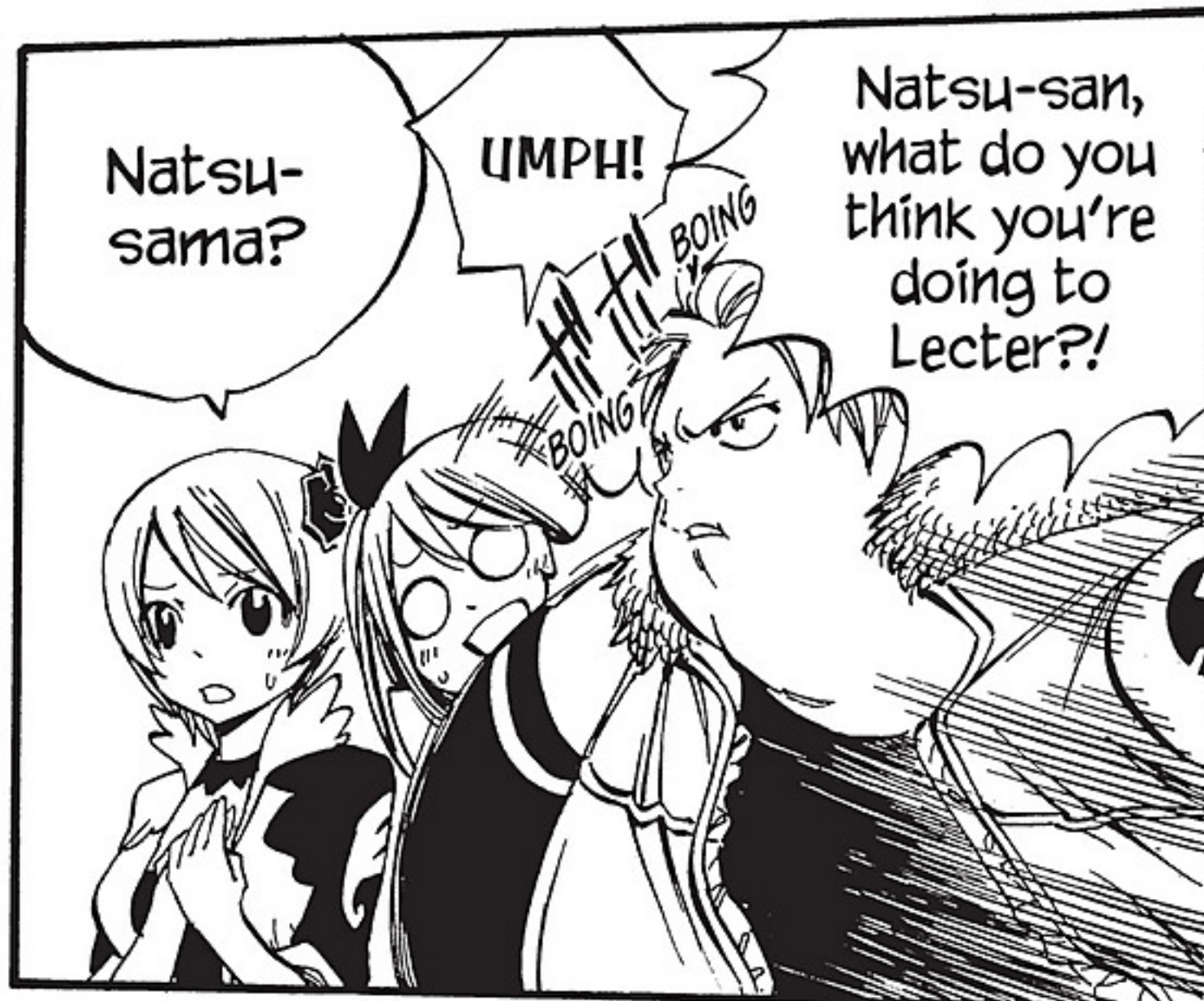
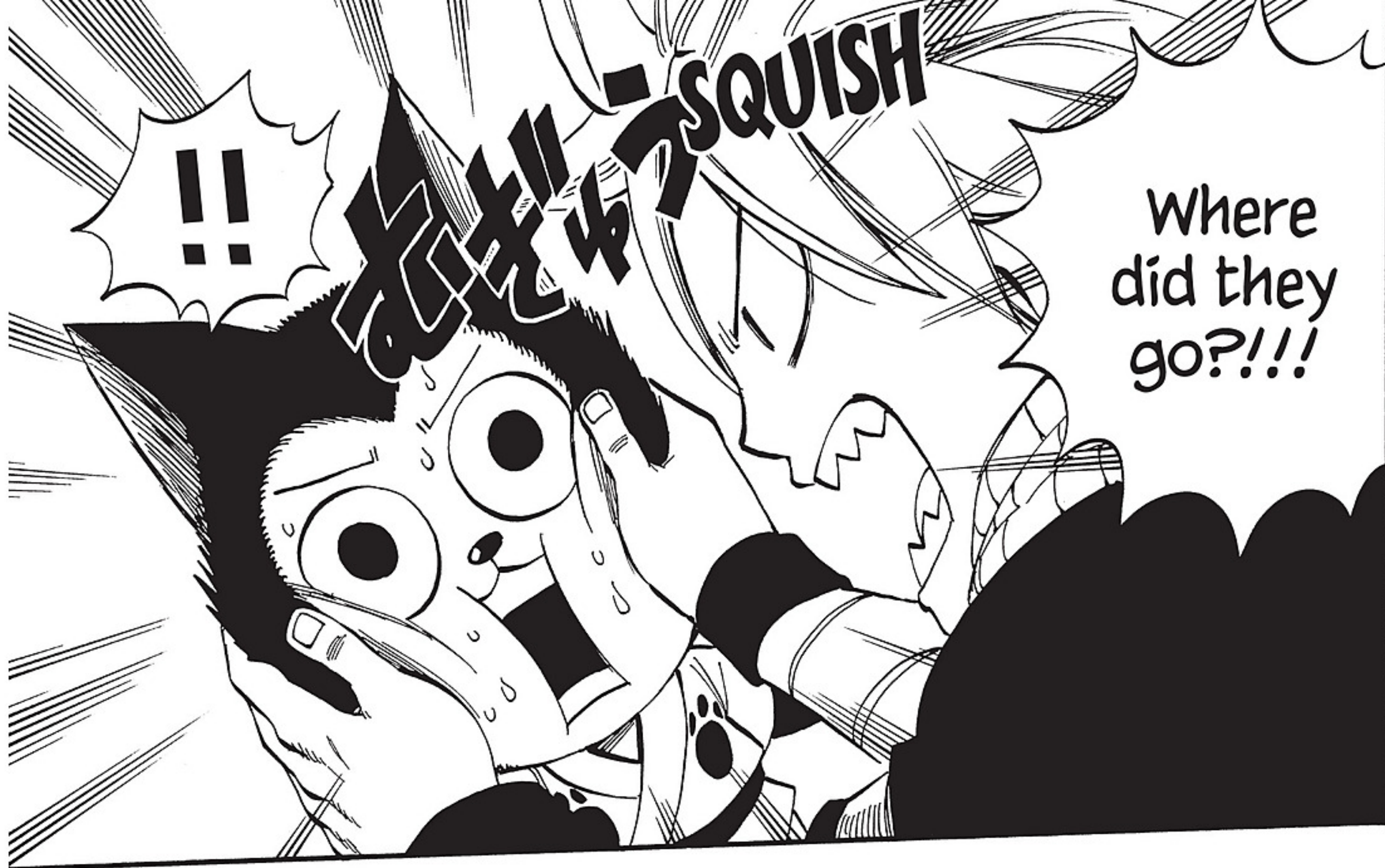


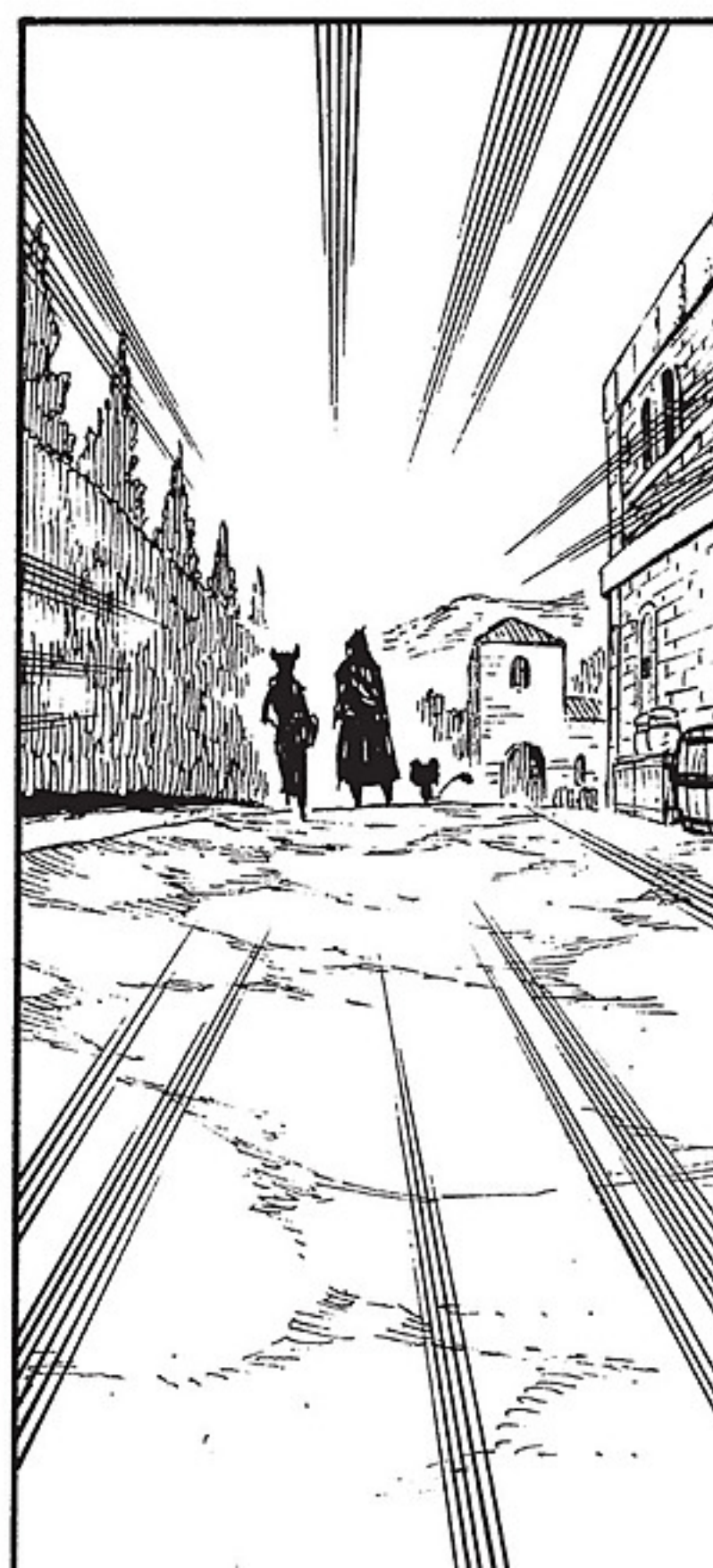
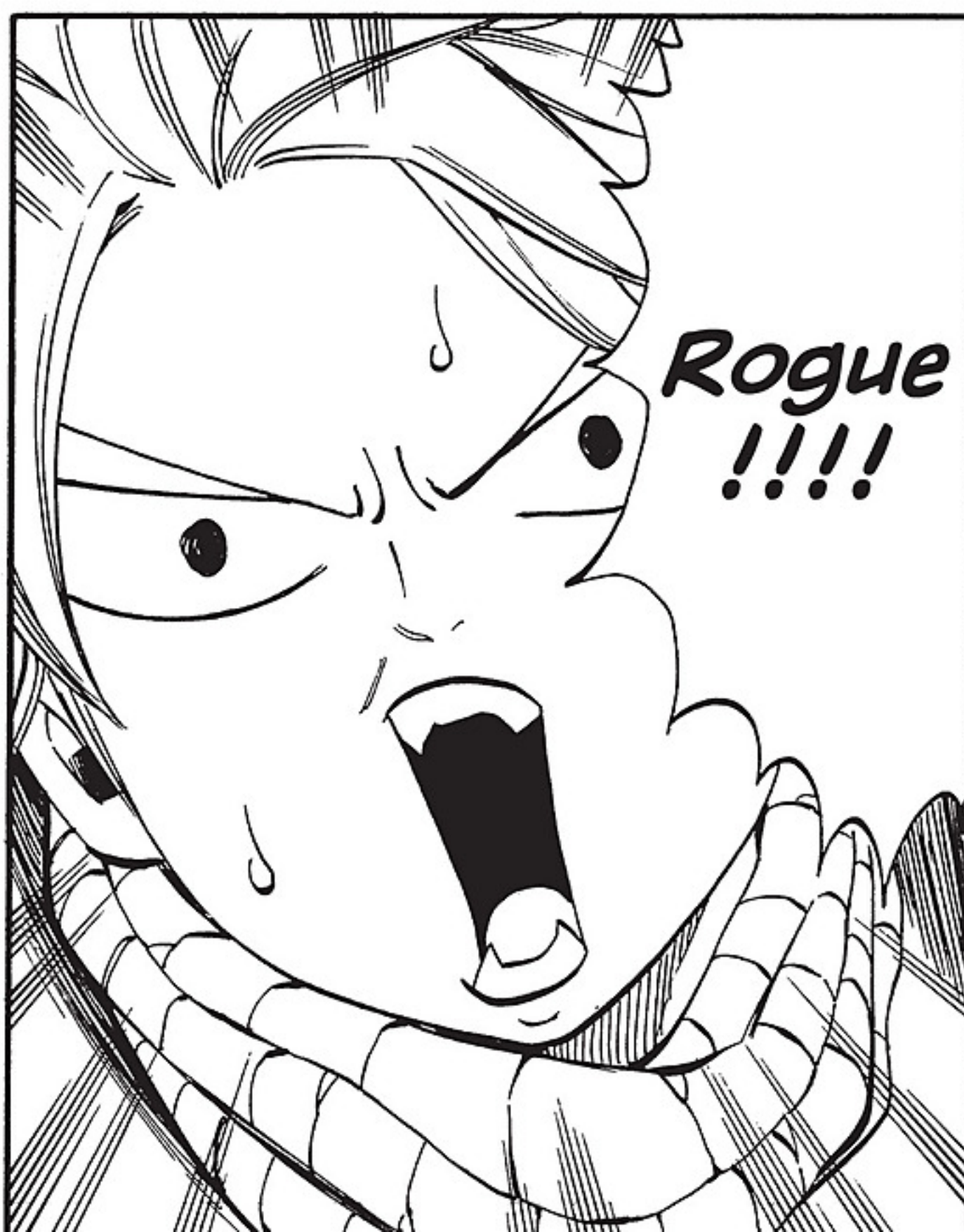
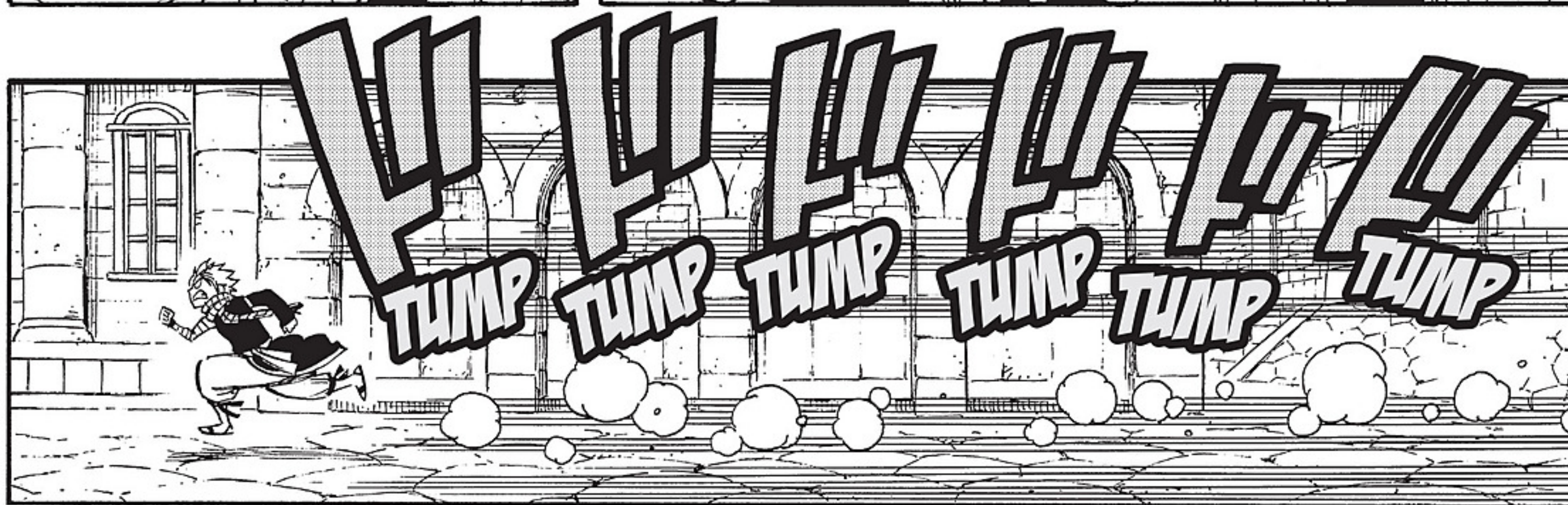
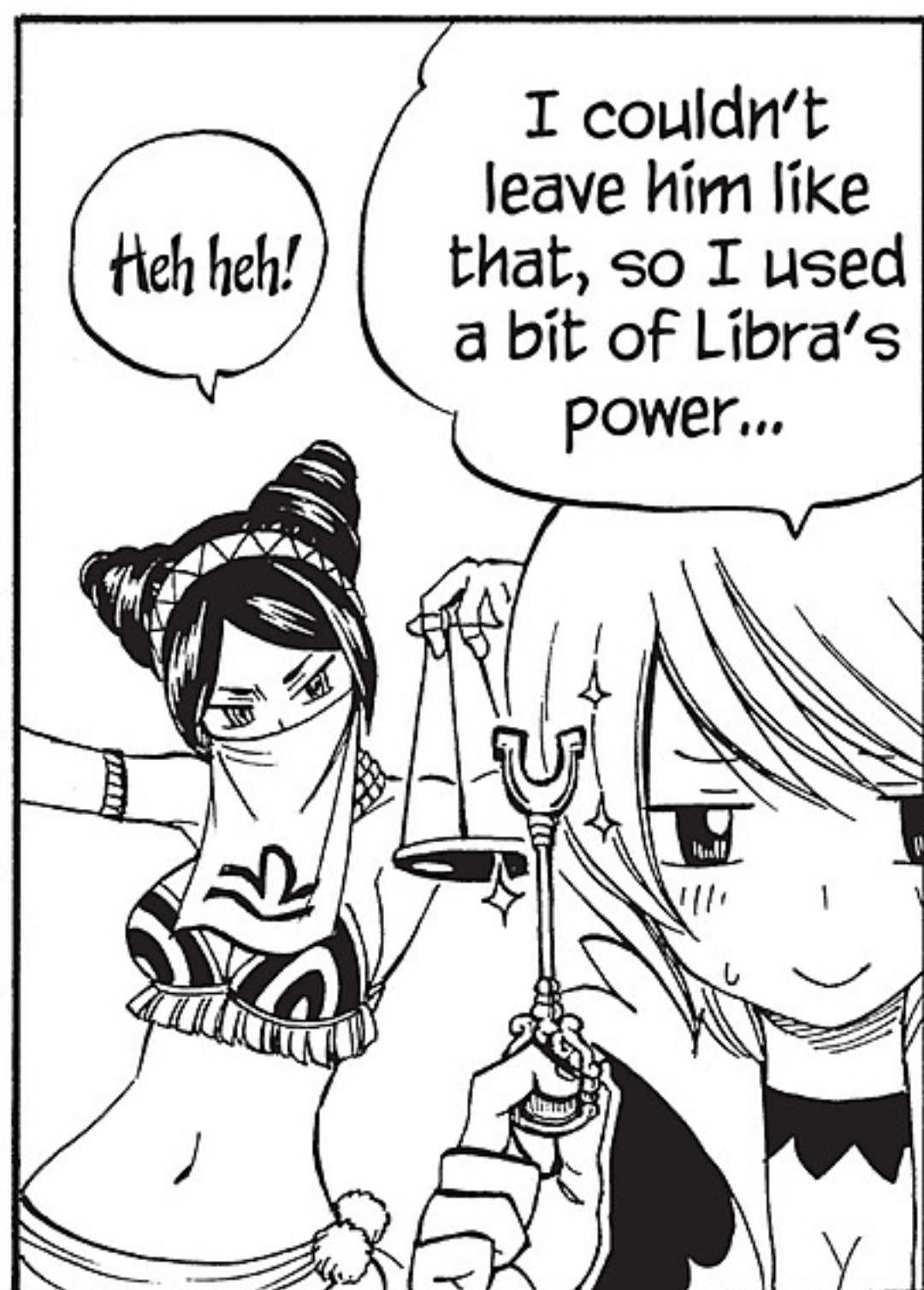


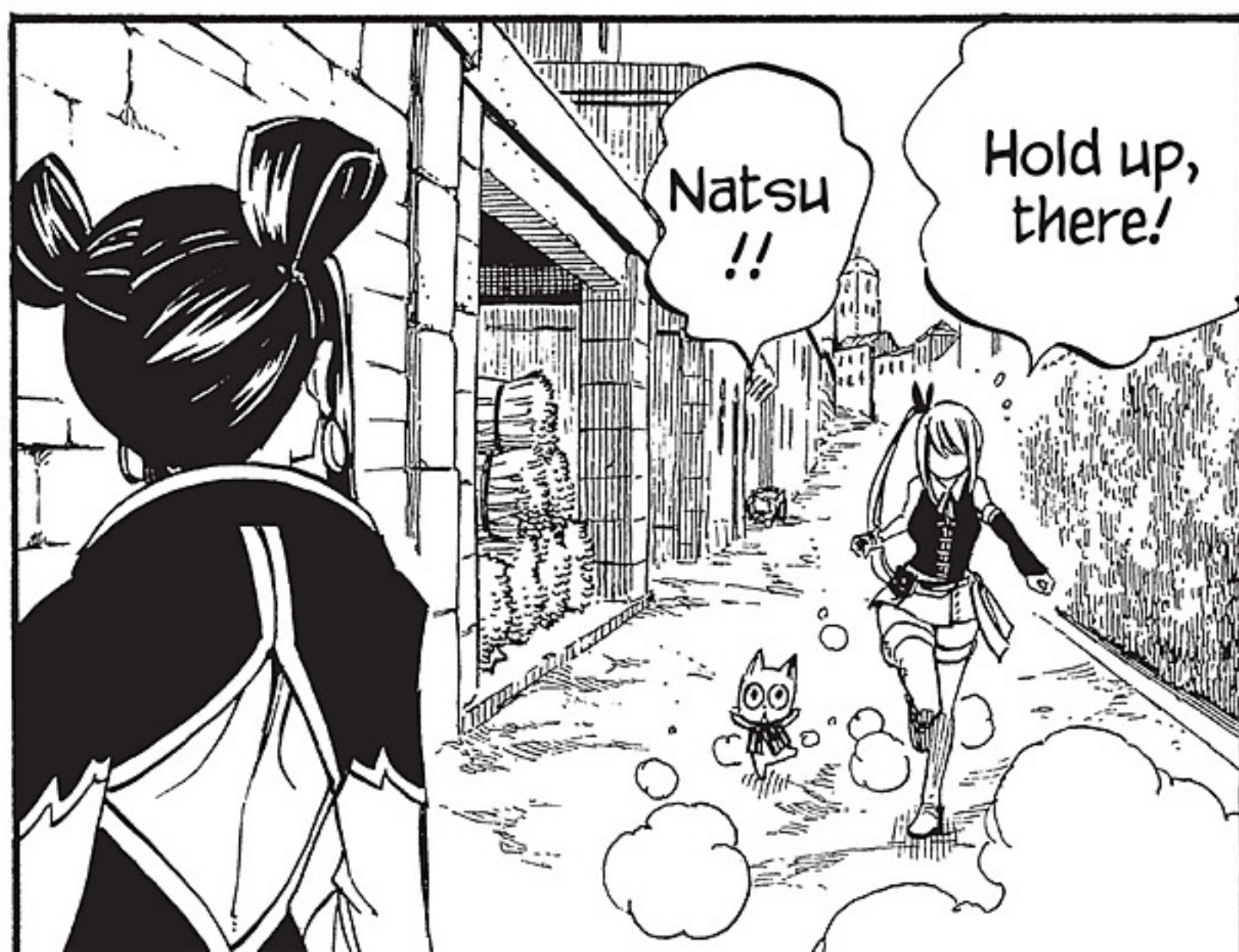
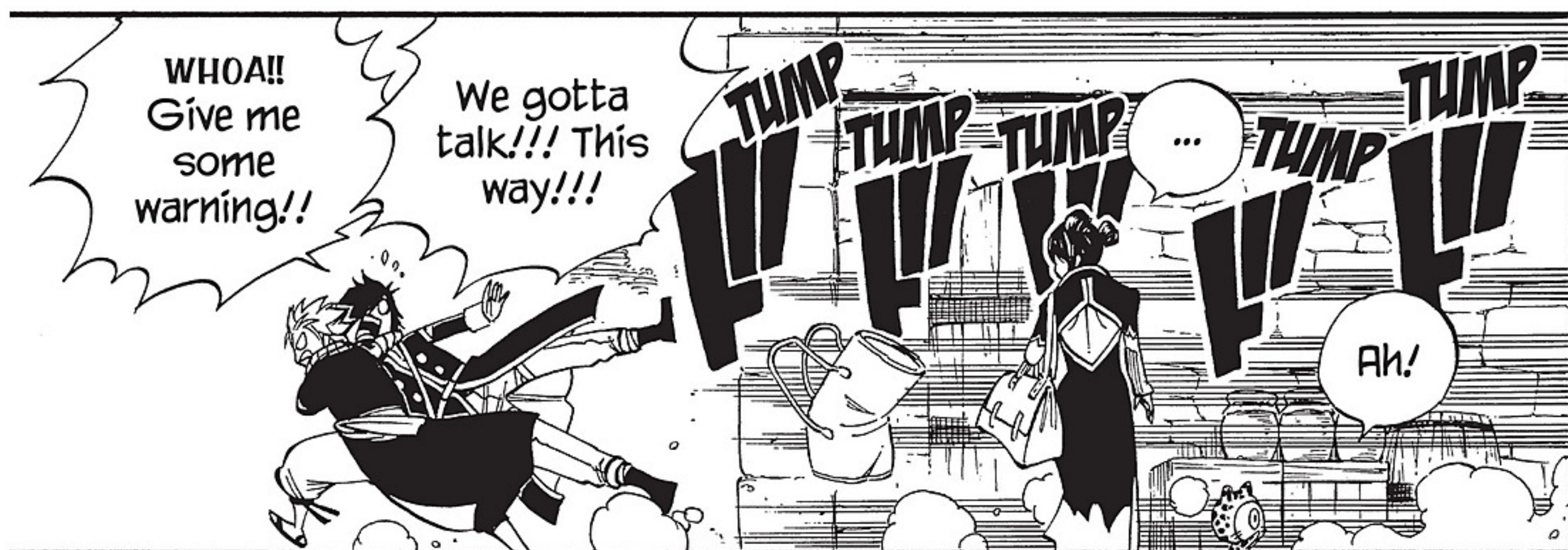














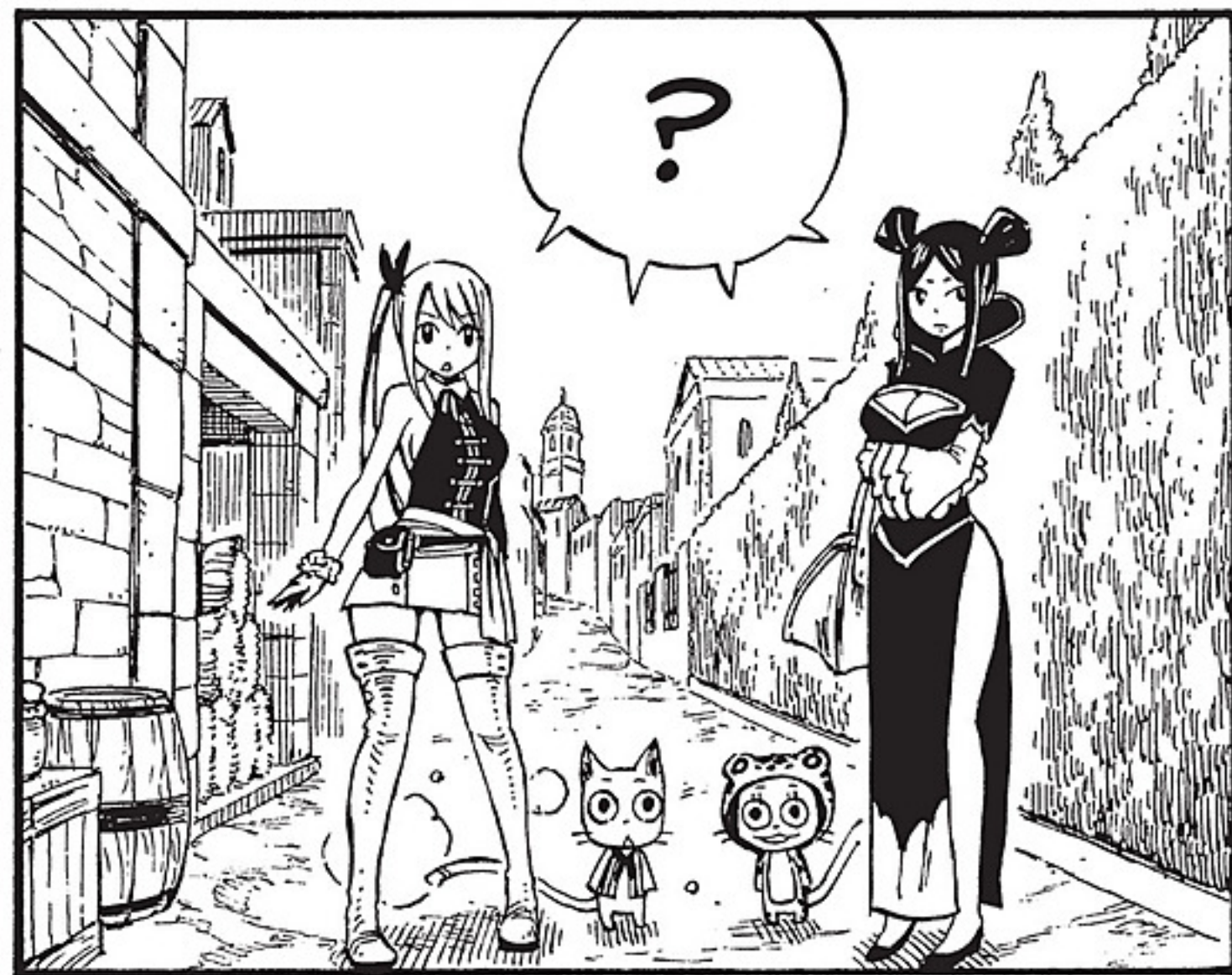
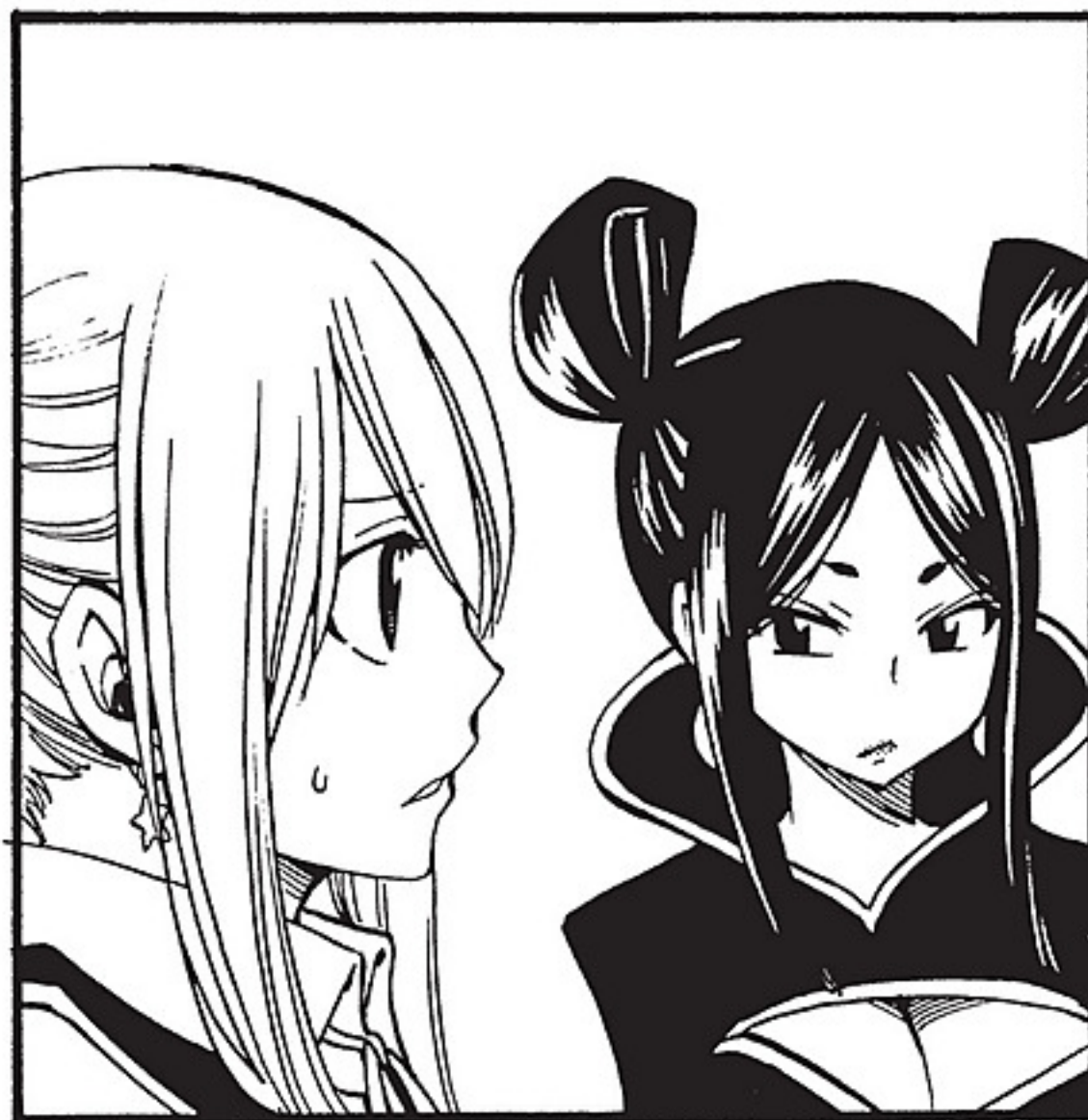
This talk's
gotta be one-
on-one!!! You
guys stay
there!!!!



Fro will
talk also!

POING
POING
POING

POING
POING
POING



?



Just
now, for a
second.

Did you
check in
at our
guild?



So, what
happened
to Sting,
anyway?



Yeah... I'm
glad you got
back to your
guild.

It has been
quite some
time.

Nope. It's really not a problem.

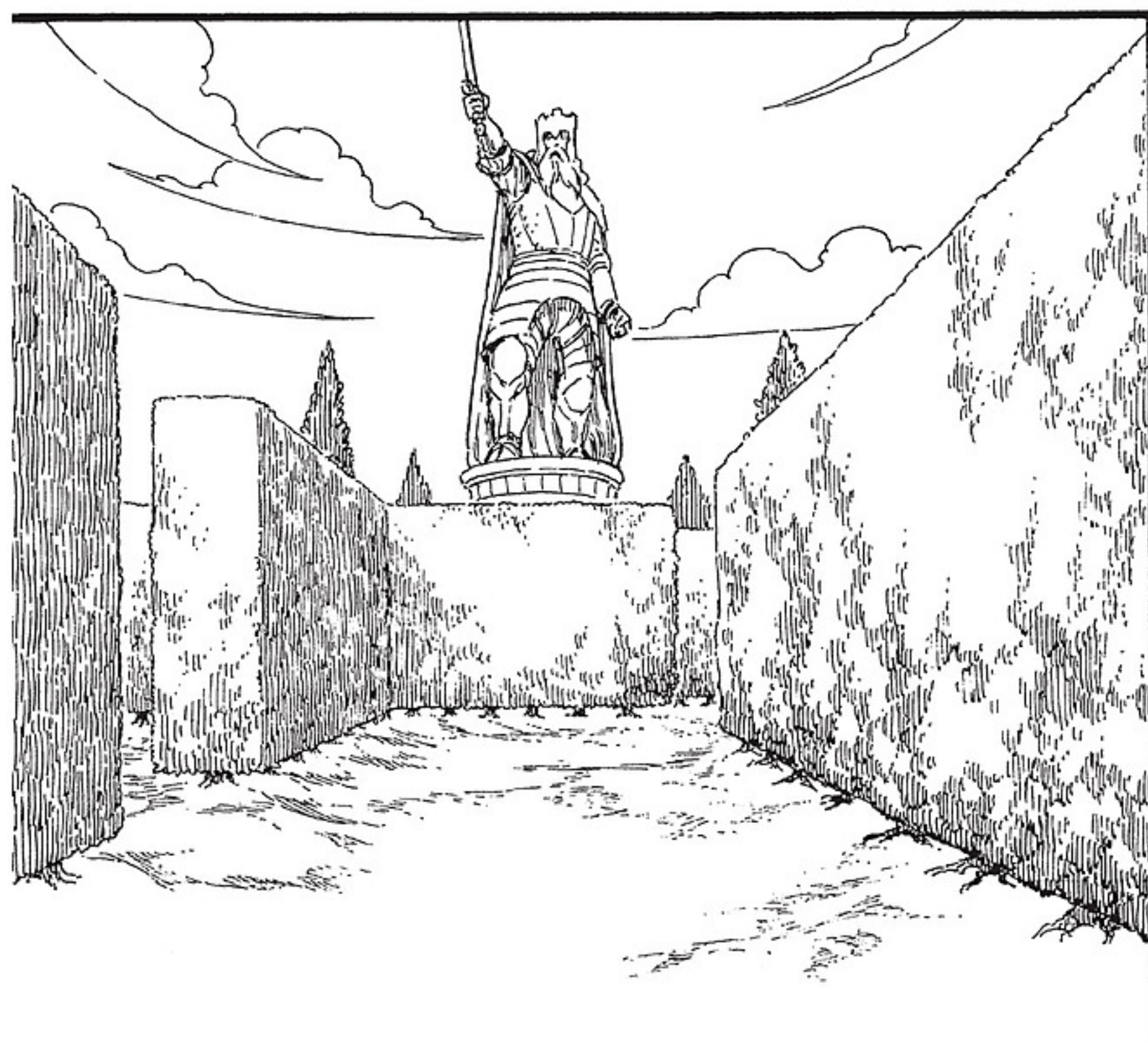
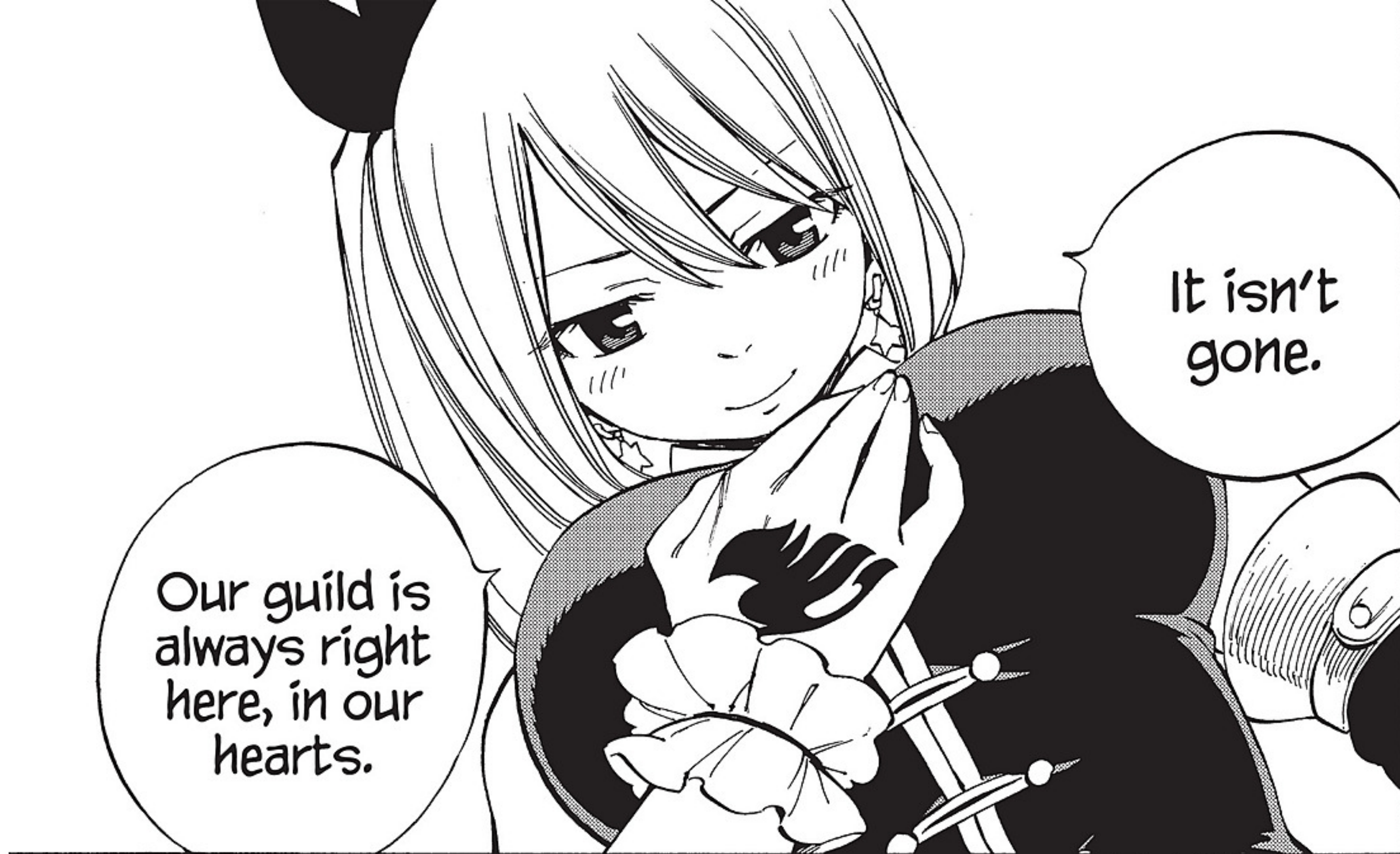
Even so, I carried it far beyond mere competition.

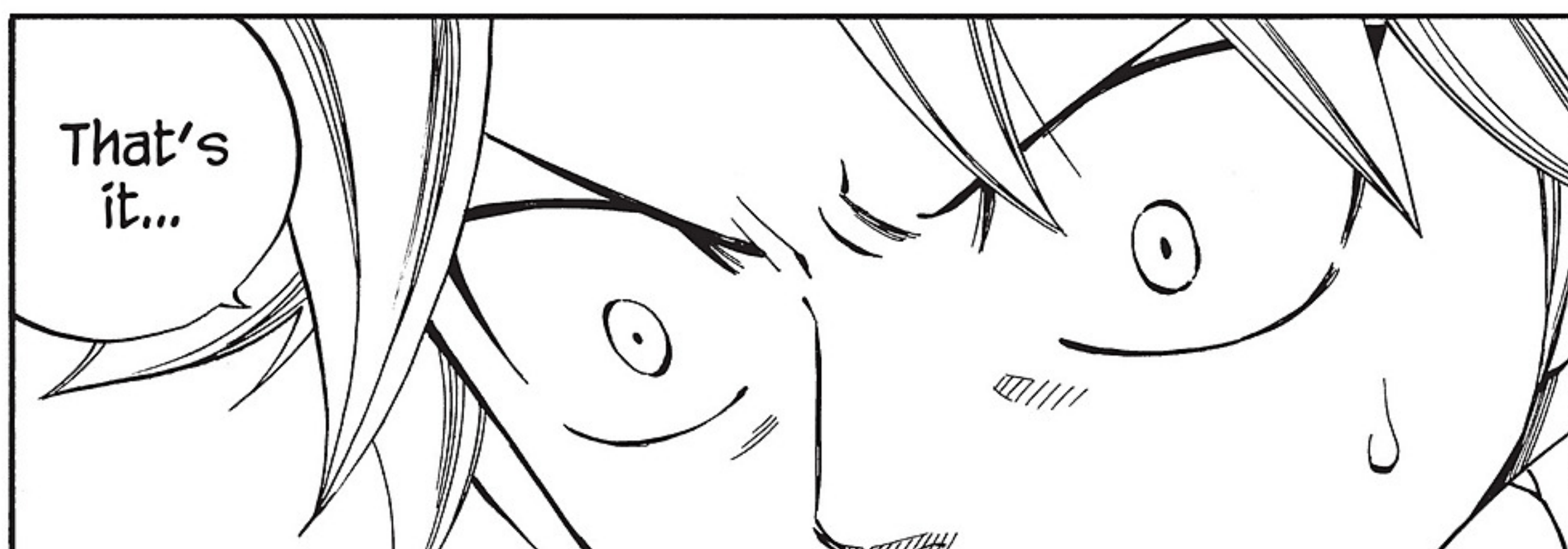
Oh, I wouldn't hold that against you. Our guilds were competing, you know?

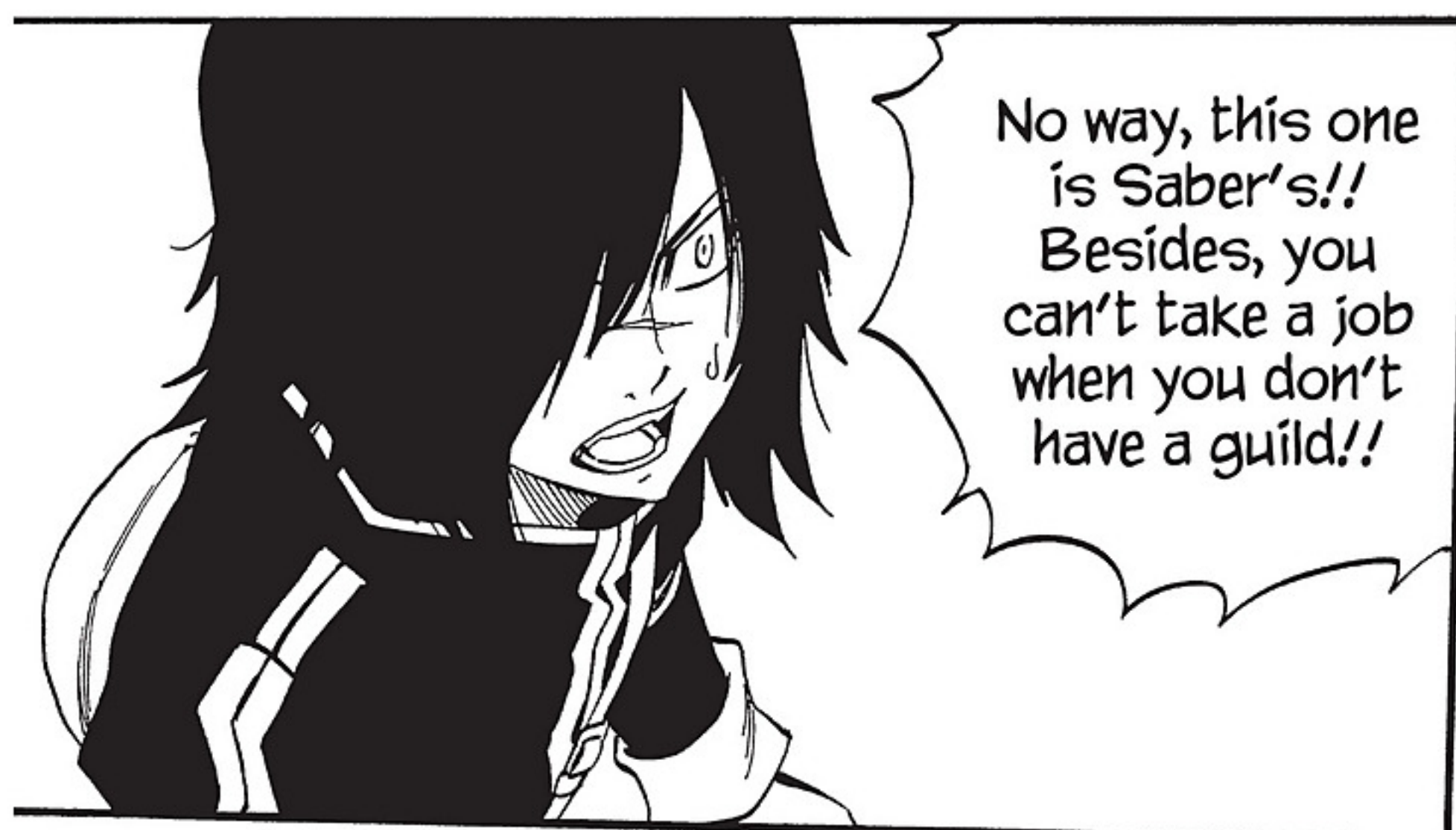
It was truly a fine guild.

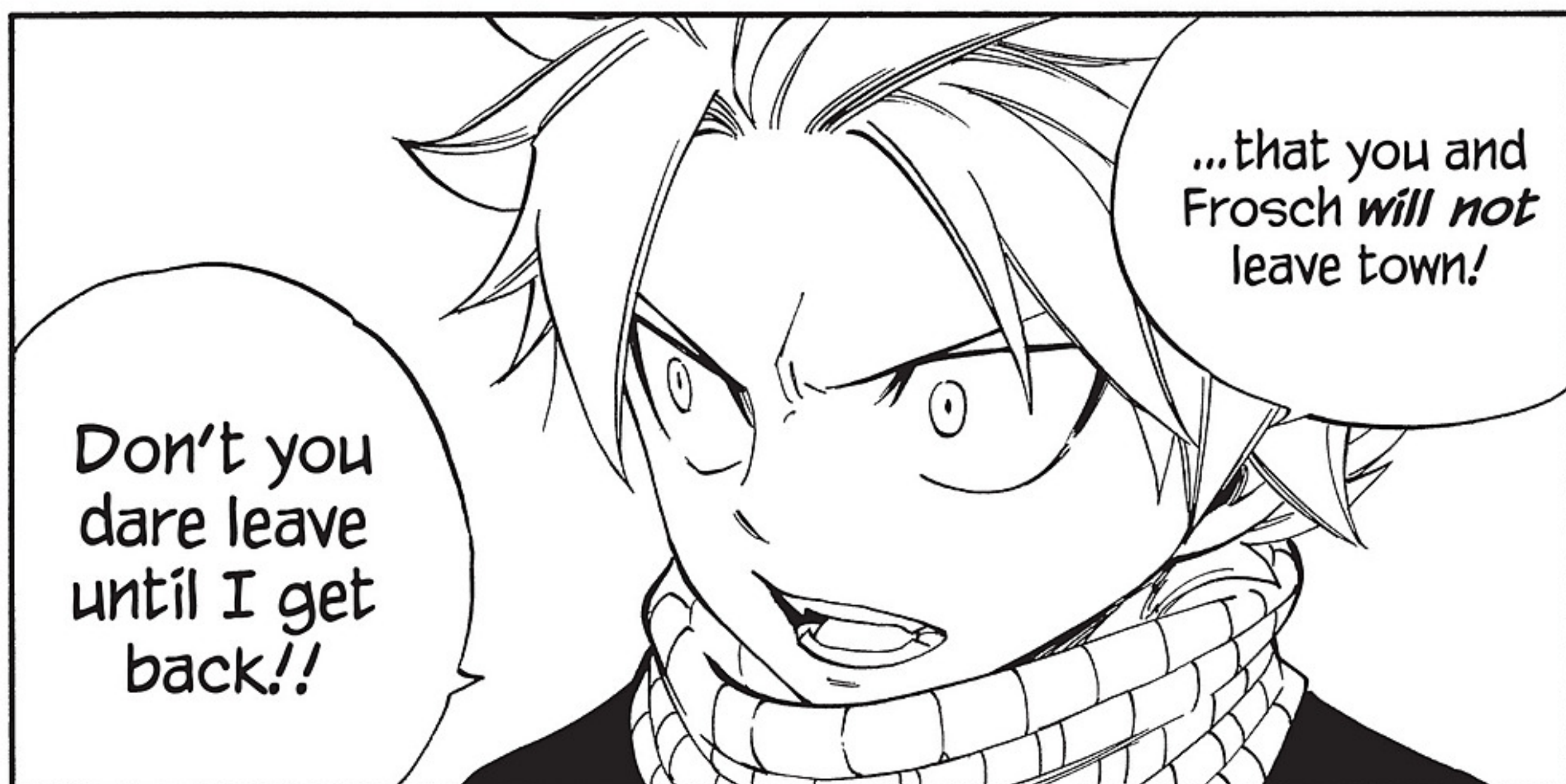
I feel the regrettable absence of Fairy Tail.

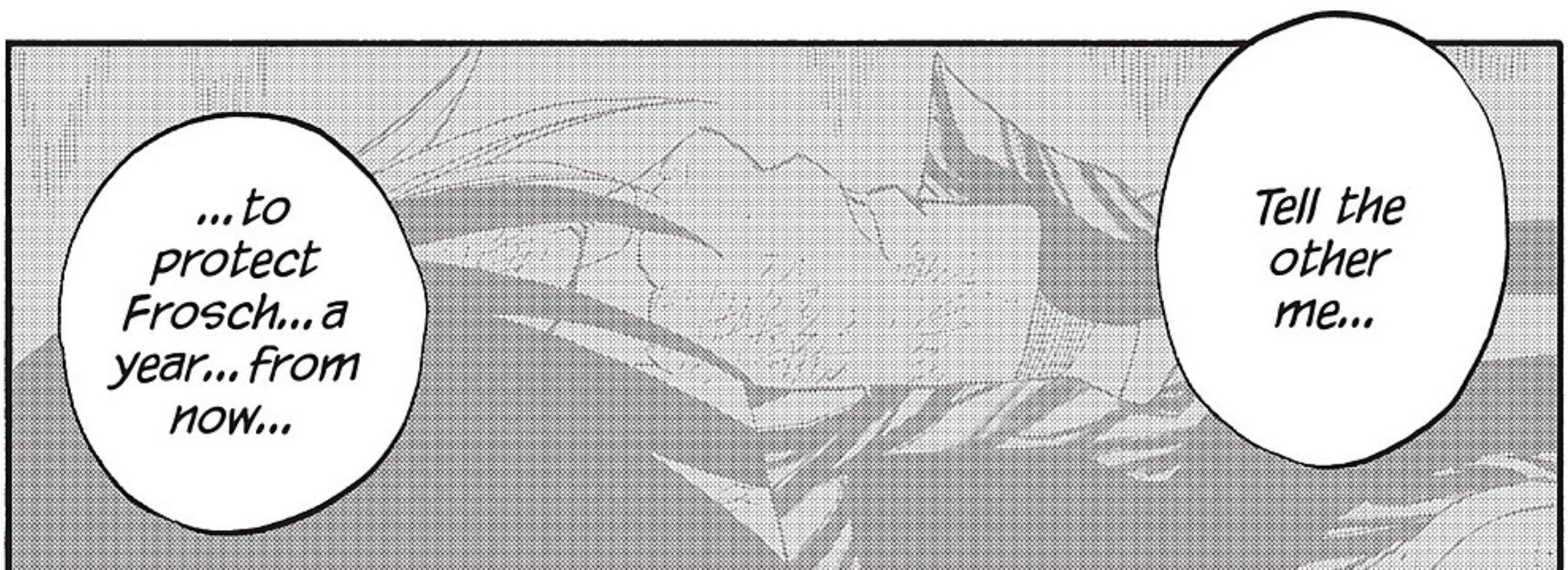
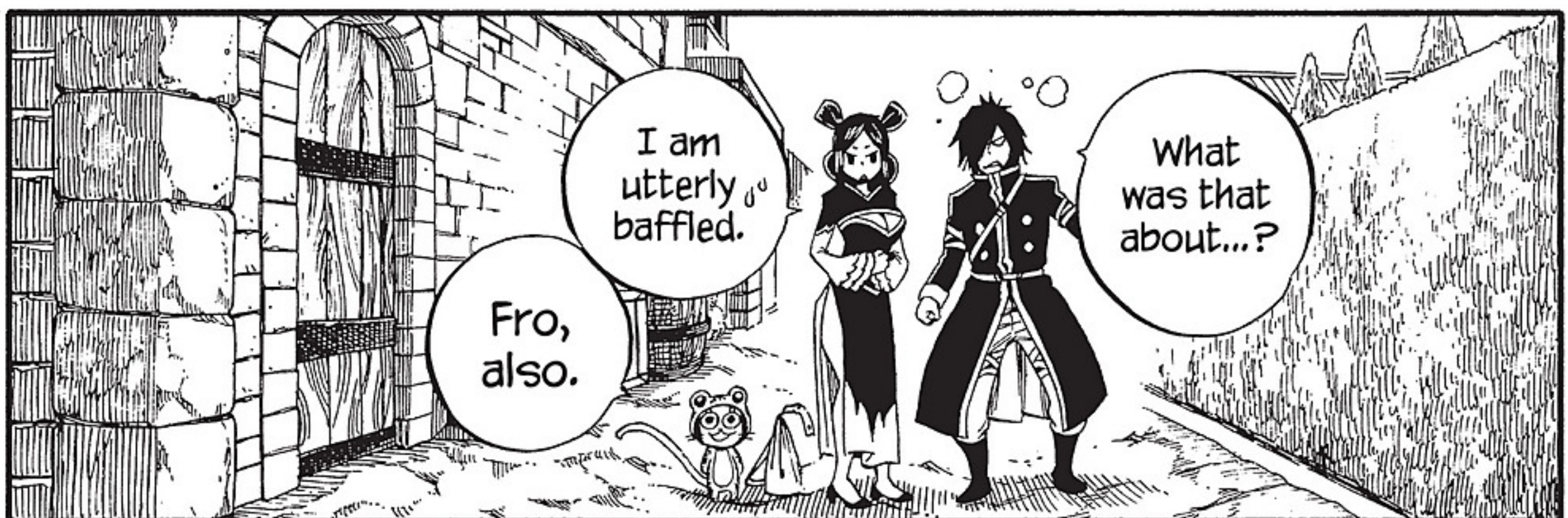
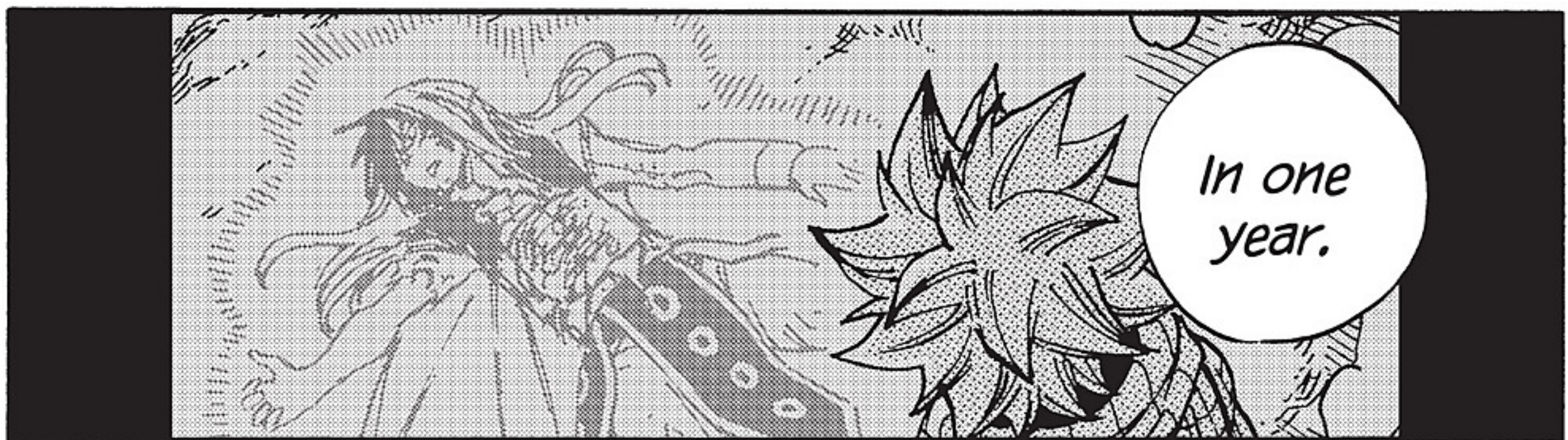
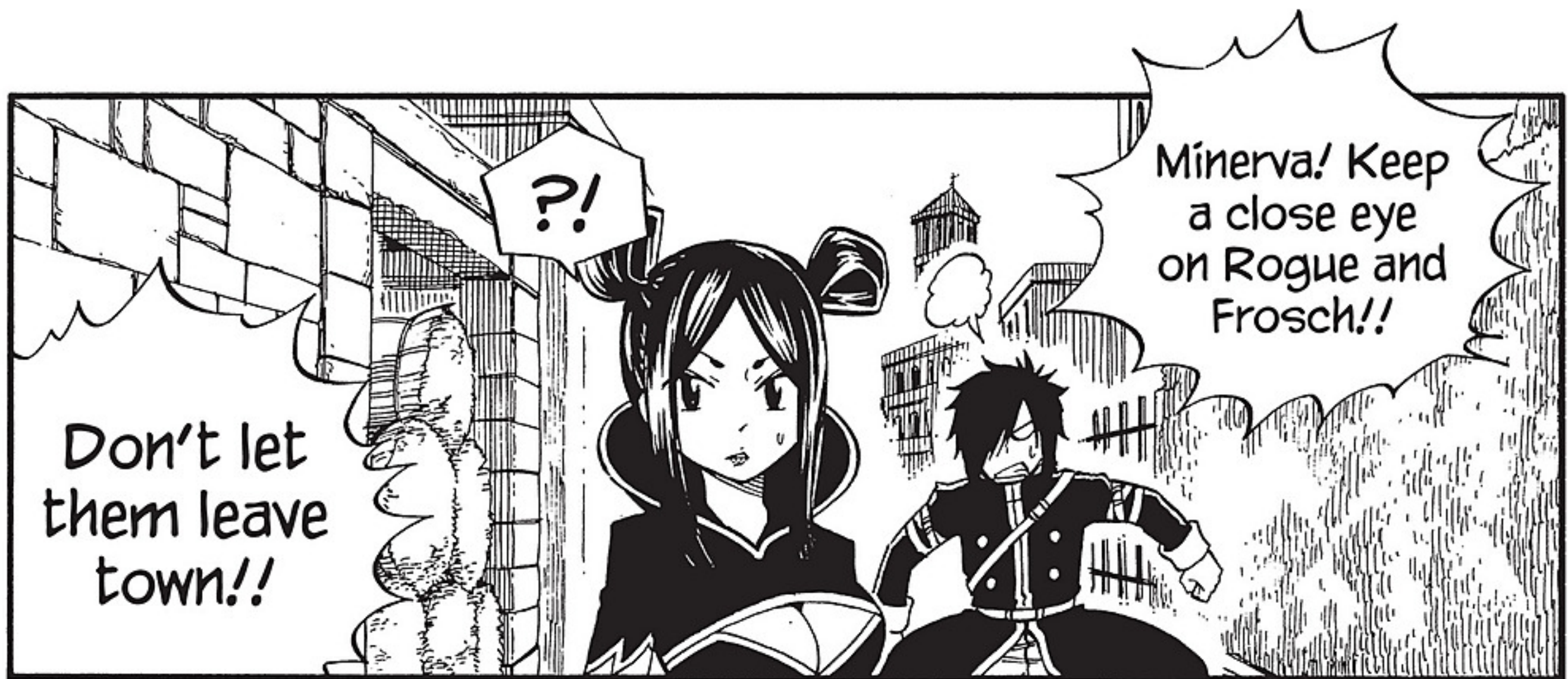


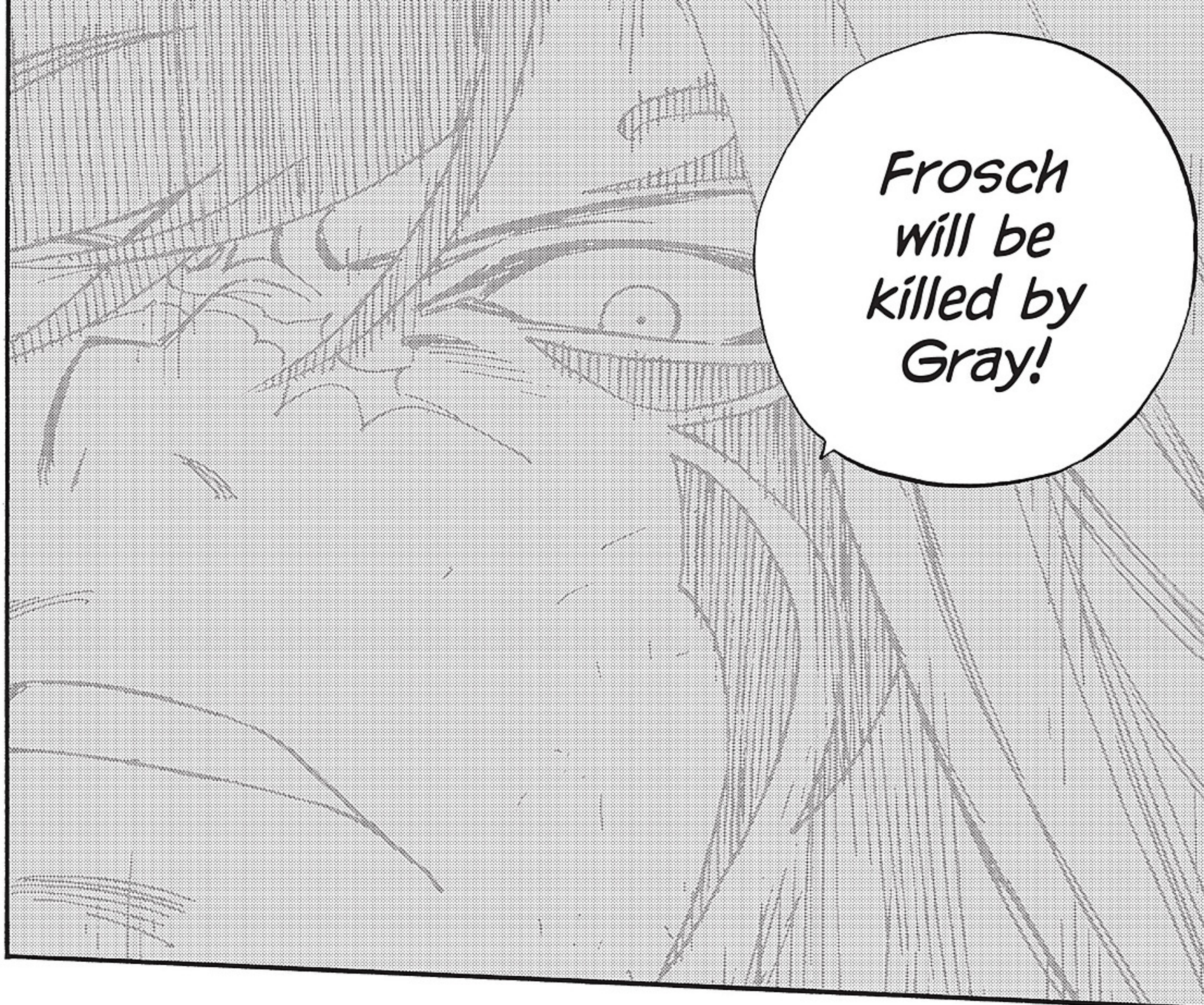




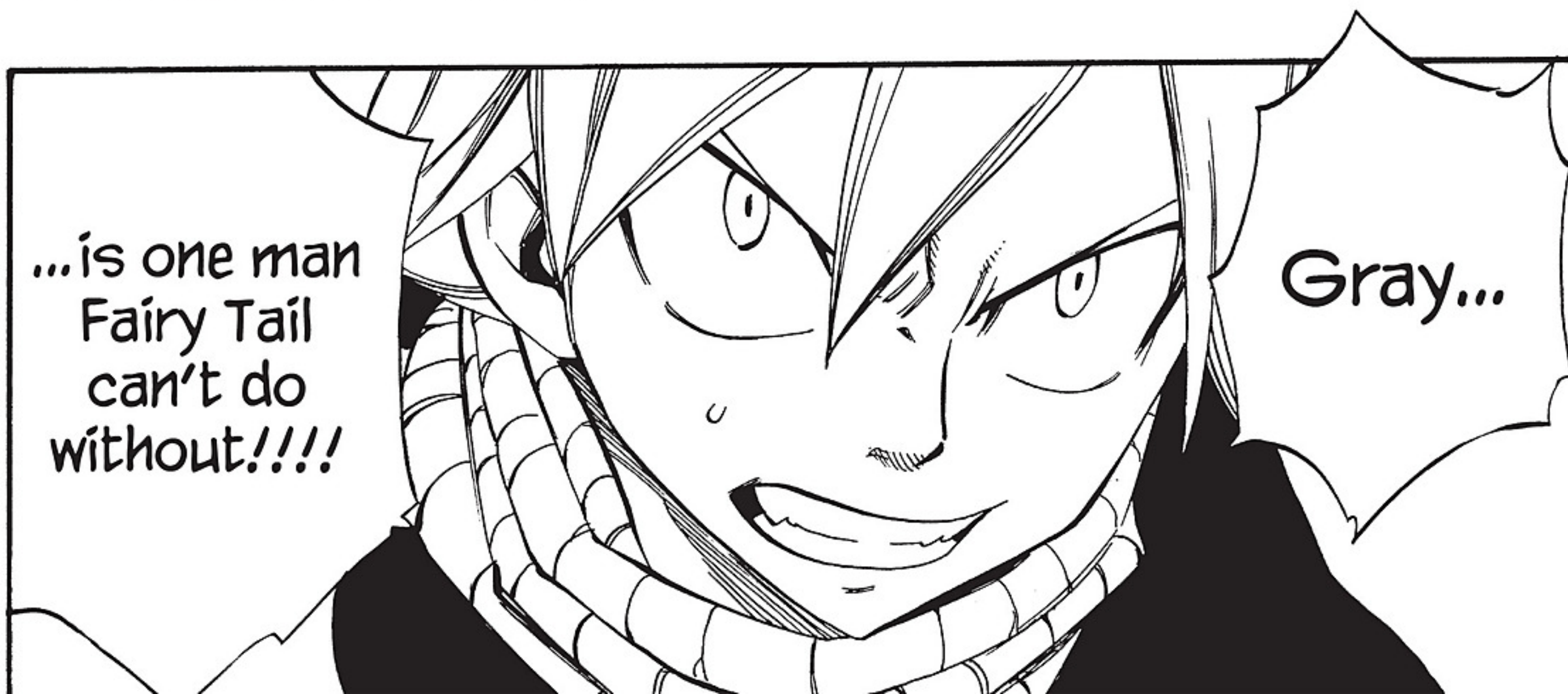








*Frosch
will be
killed by
Gray!*



...is one man
Fairy Tail
can't do
without!!!!

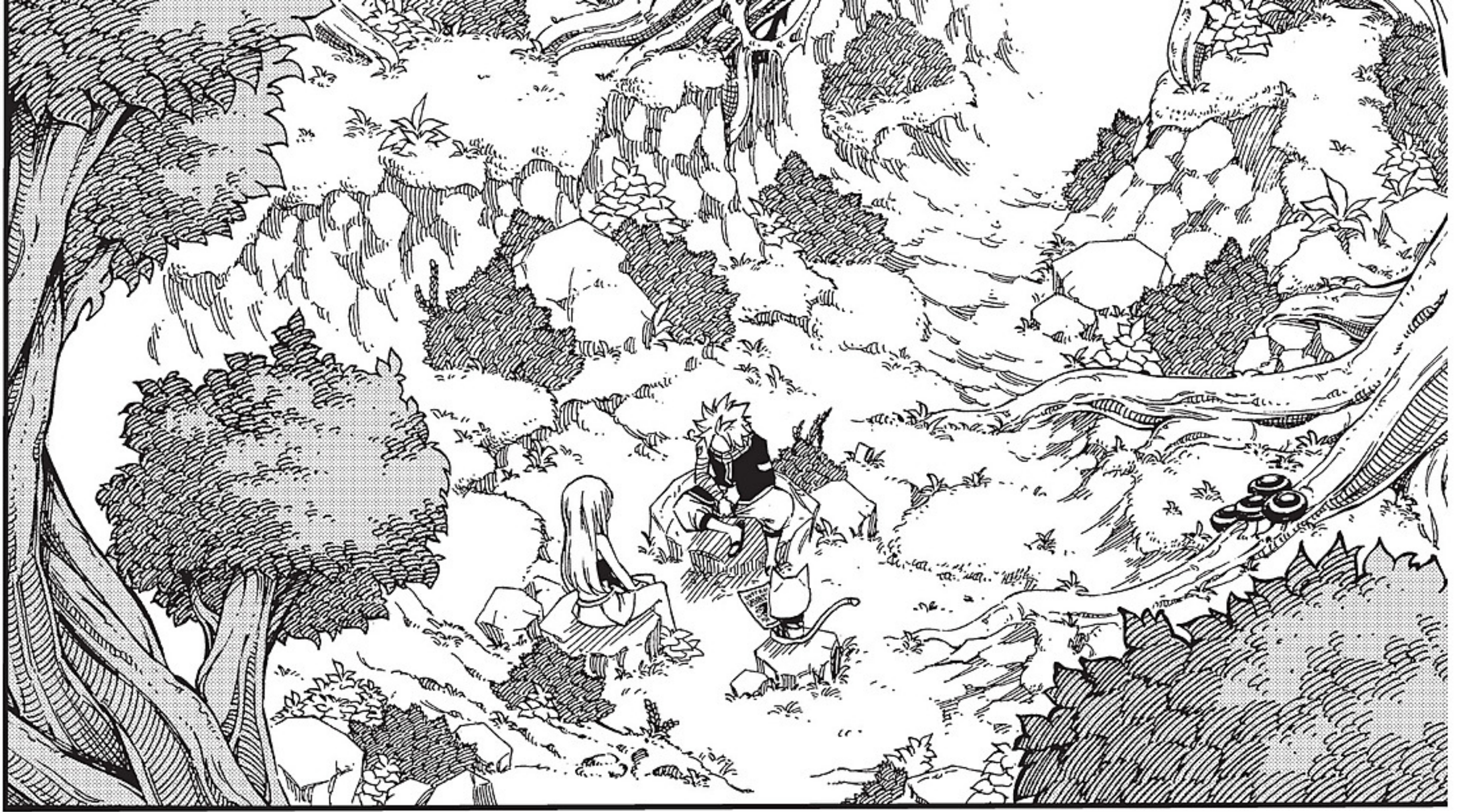
Gray...

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 426: Black Heart





Avatar has been gaining in influence lately now that the dark guilds have declined in power. It's a cult devoted to Zeref.



Who knows?

This black magic cult Avatar that Rogue intended to confront... What is it?



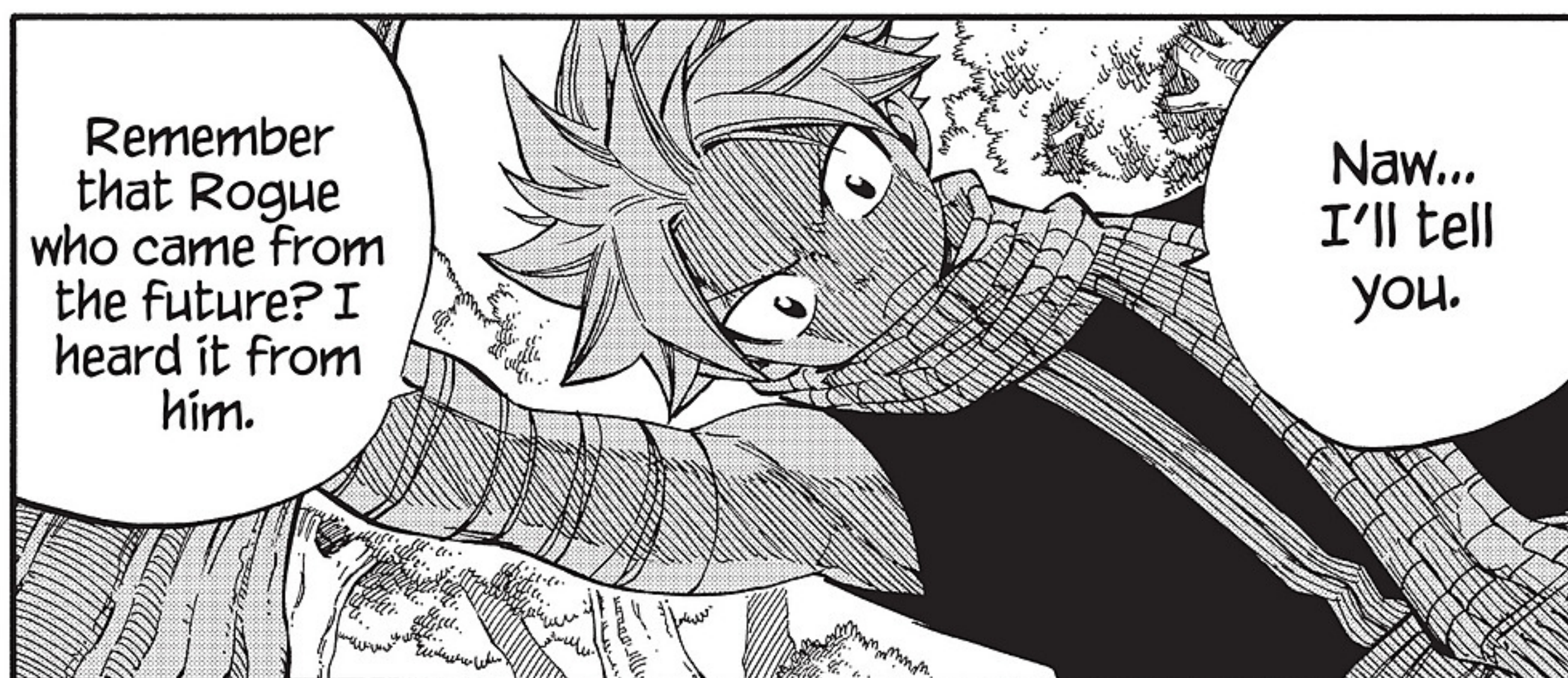
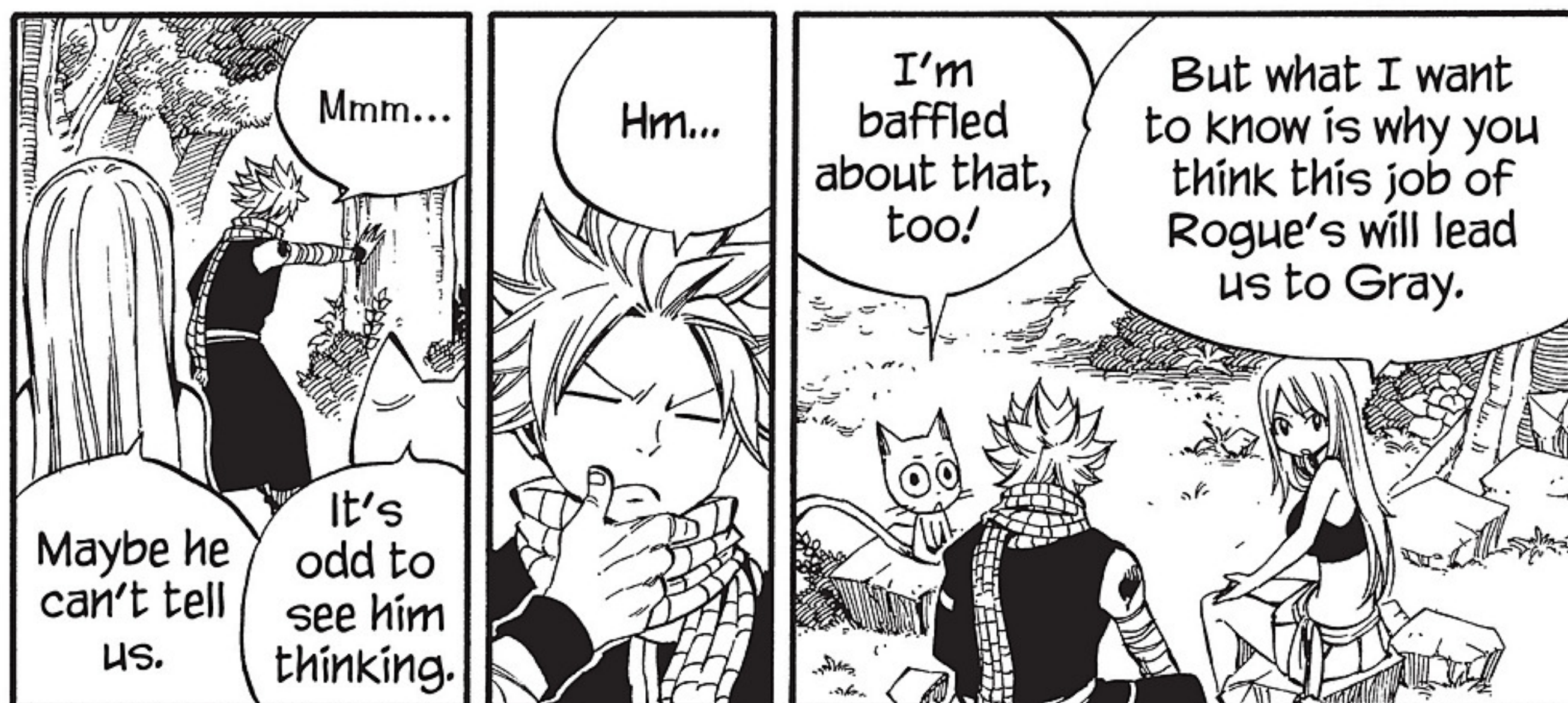
From what I can tell, they worship him as a god.

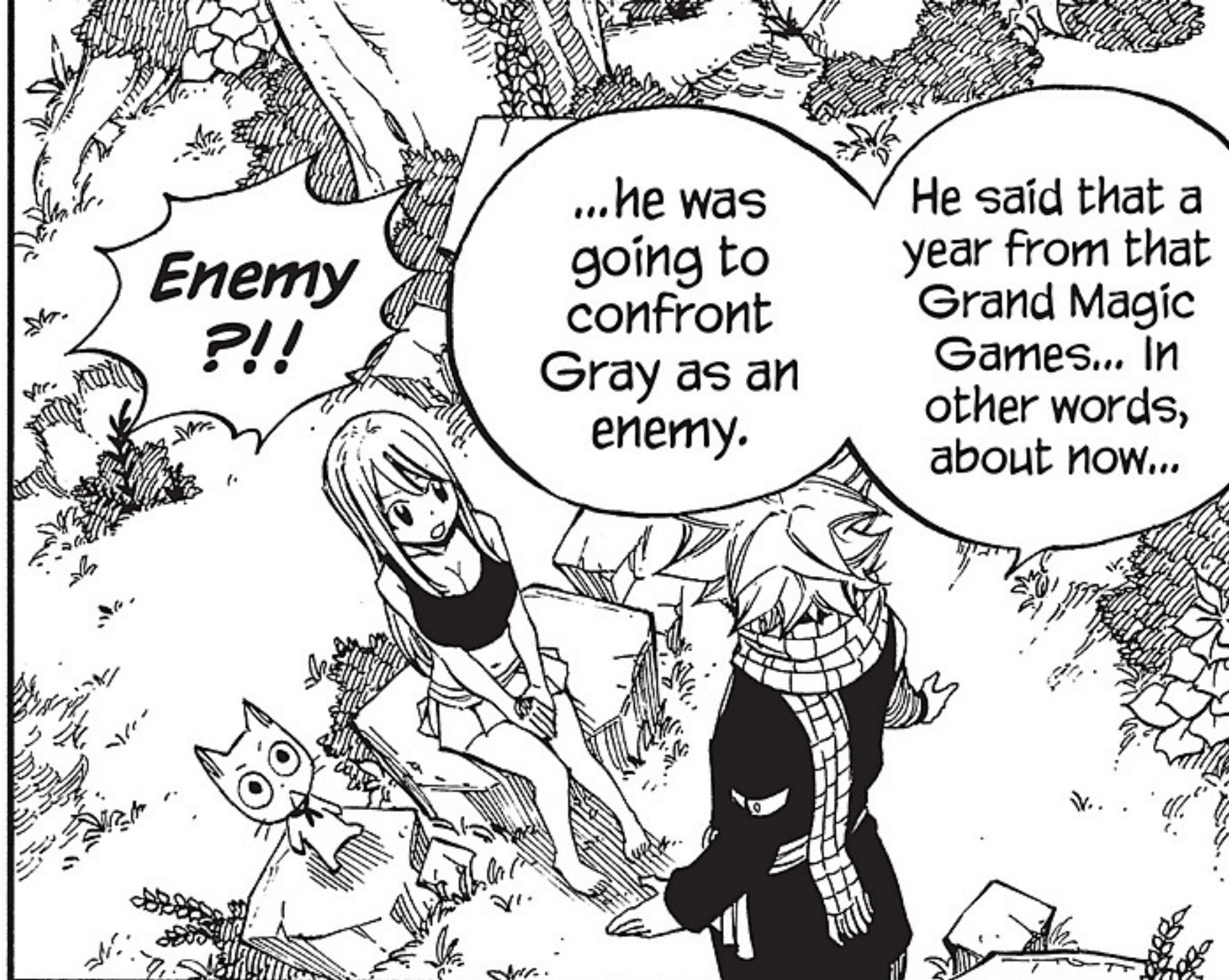
I don't know if he's in any way connected with them or not.



Zeref?!



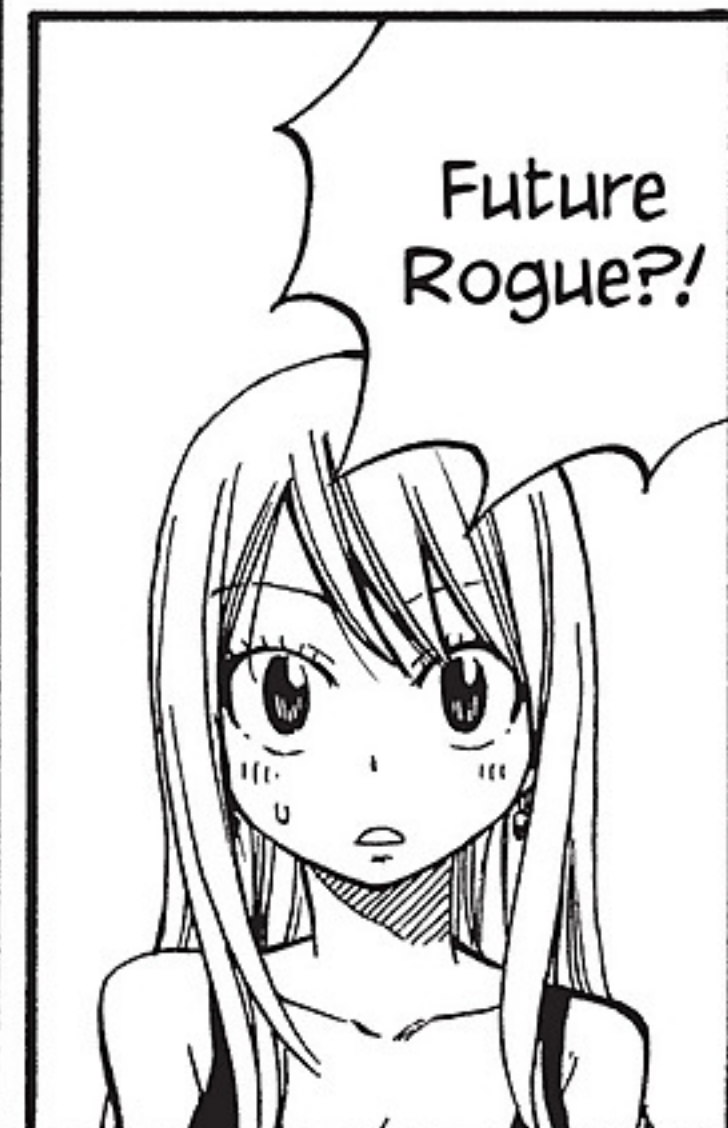




**Enemy
?!!**

...he was
going to
confront
Gray as an
enemy.

He said that a
year from that
Grand Magic
Games... In
other words,
about now...



Future
Rogue?!



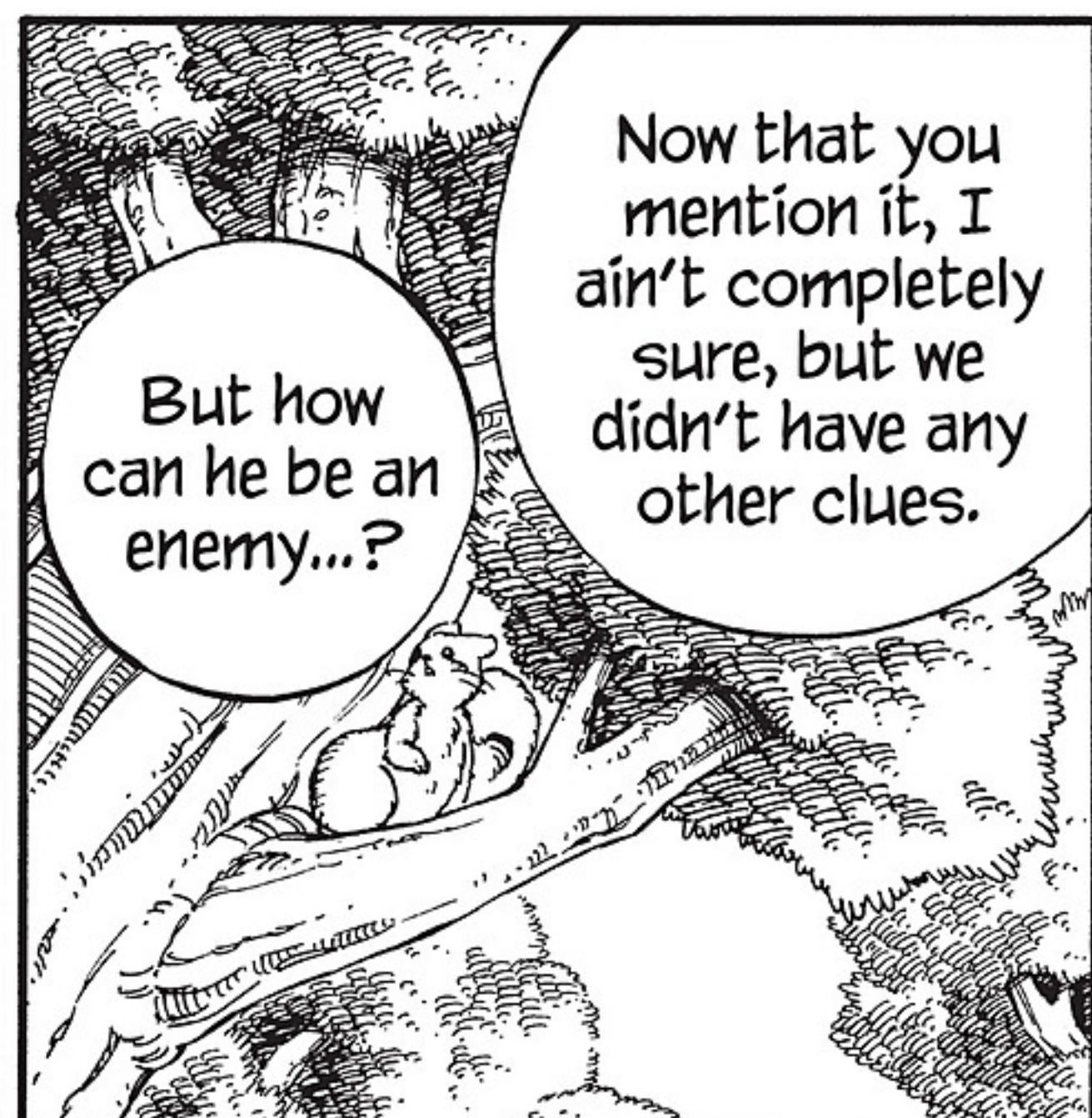
But...our future
is different from
Future Rogue's,
right? Would the
same things even
happen...?

That's why I
was thinking
we could find
Gray by taking
this job.



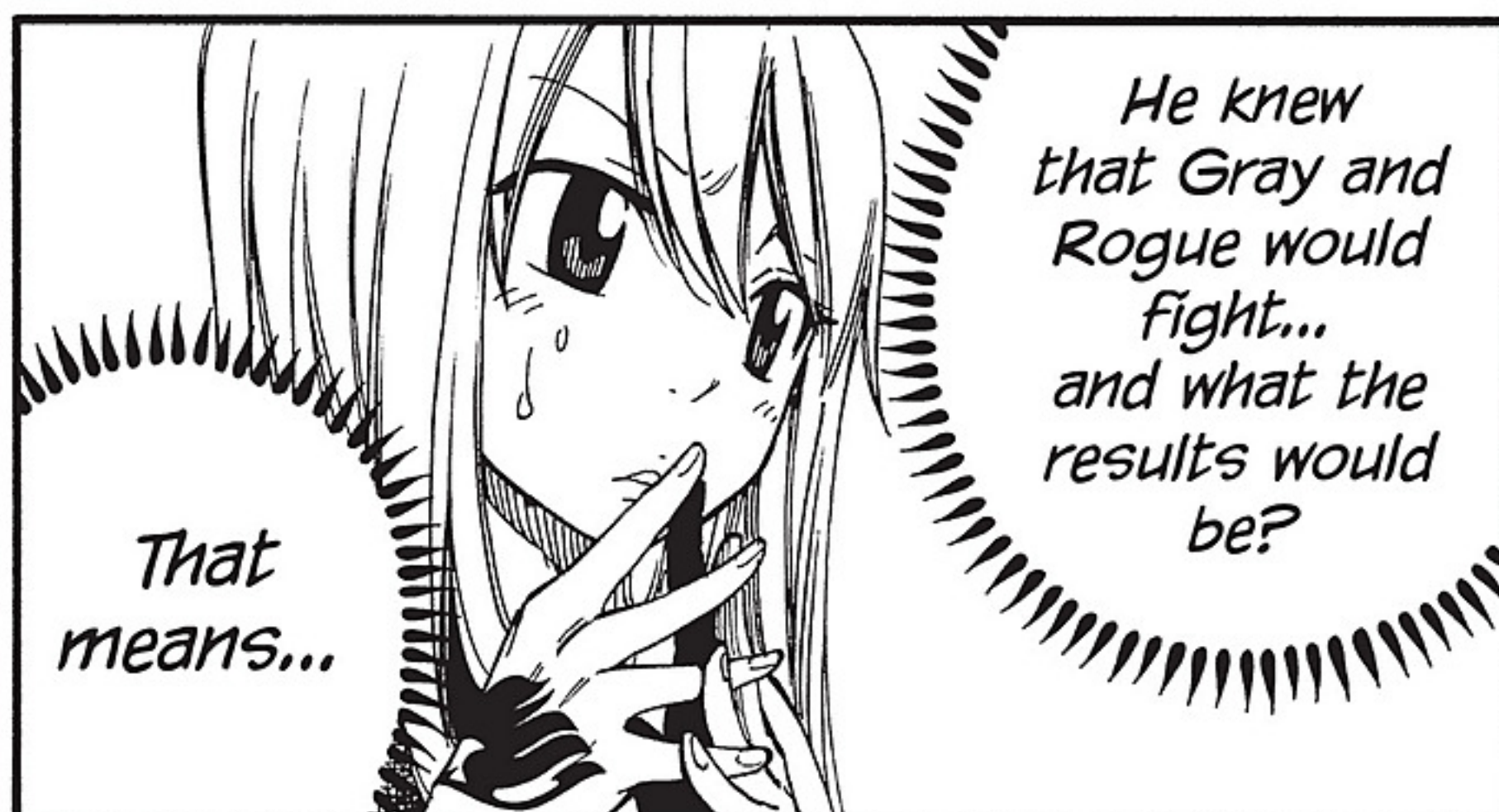
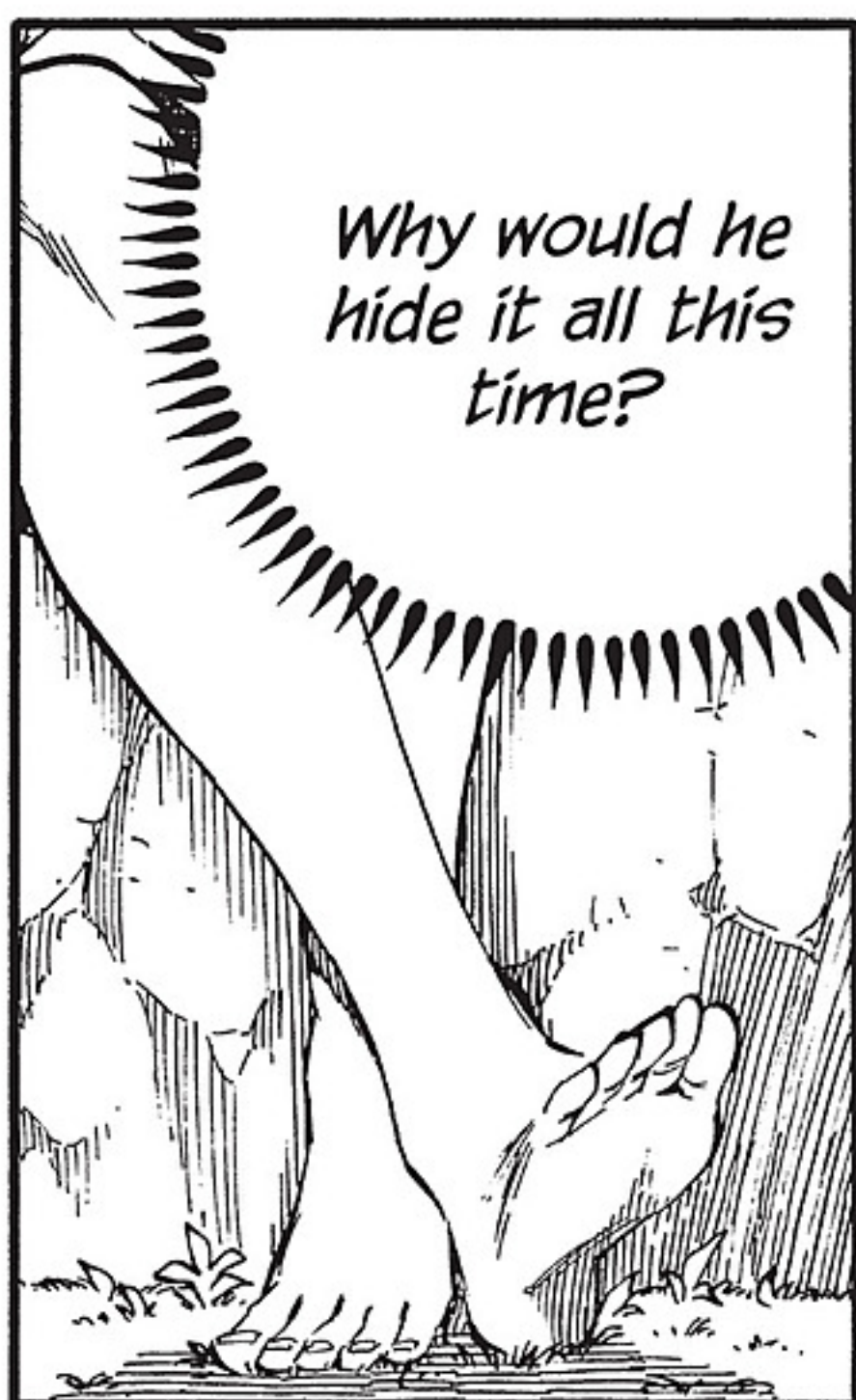
Juvia
said...

...he had
some black
markings
on his
body...



But how
can he be an
enemy...?

Now that you
mention it, I
ain't completely
sure, but we
didn't have any
other clues.





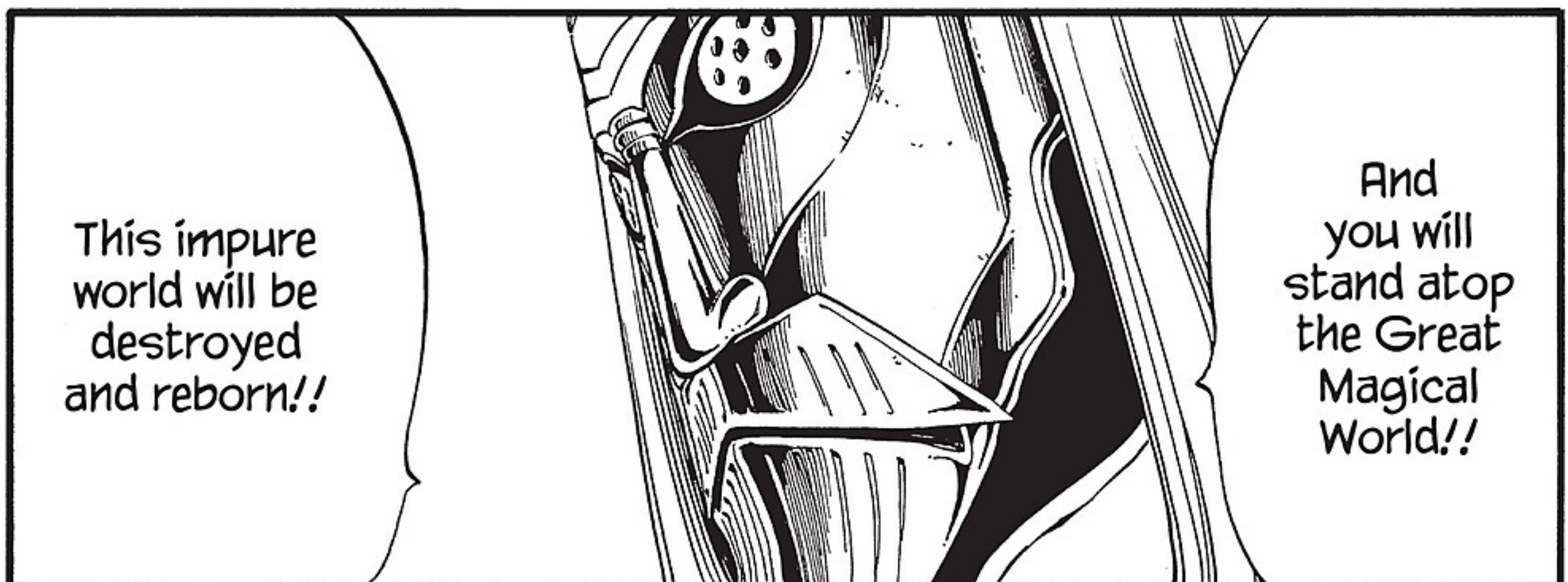


Avatar



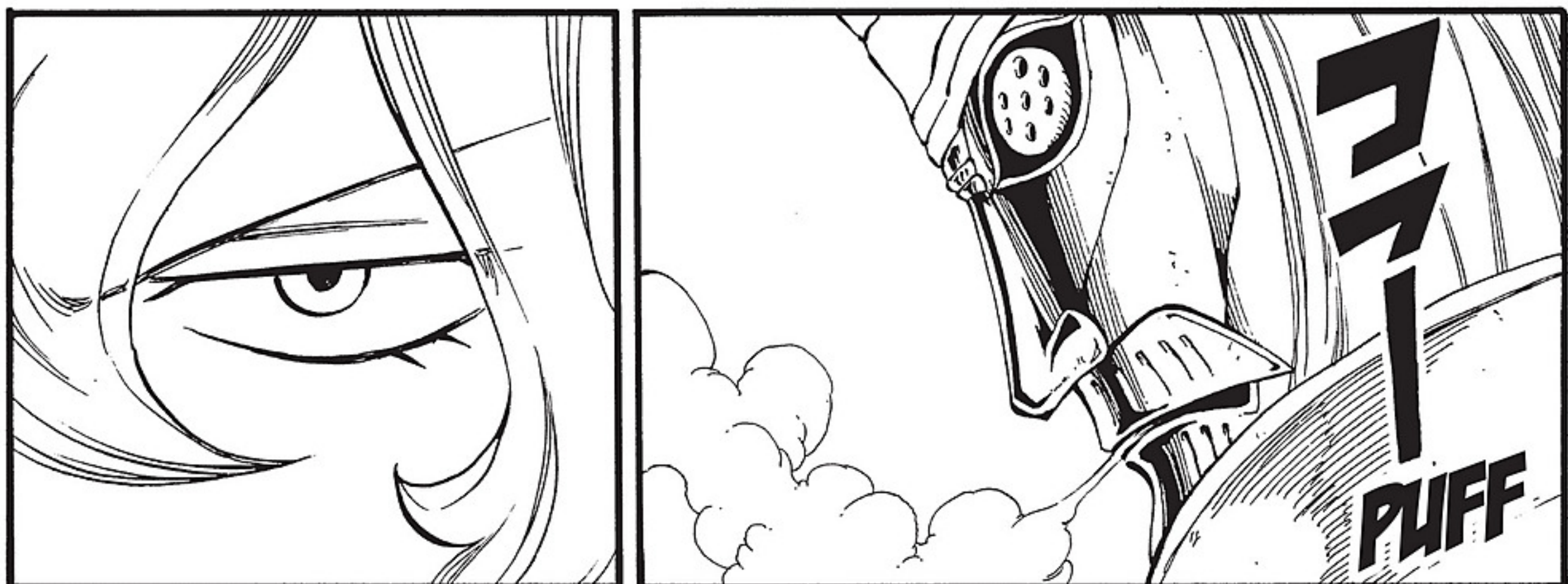
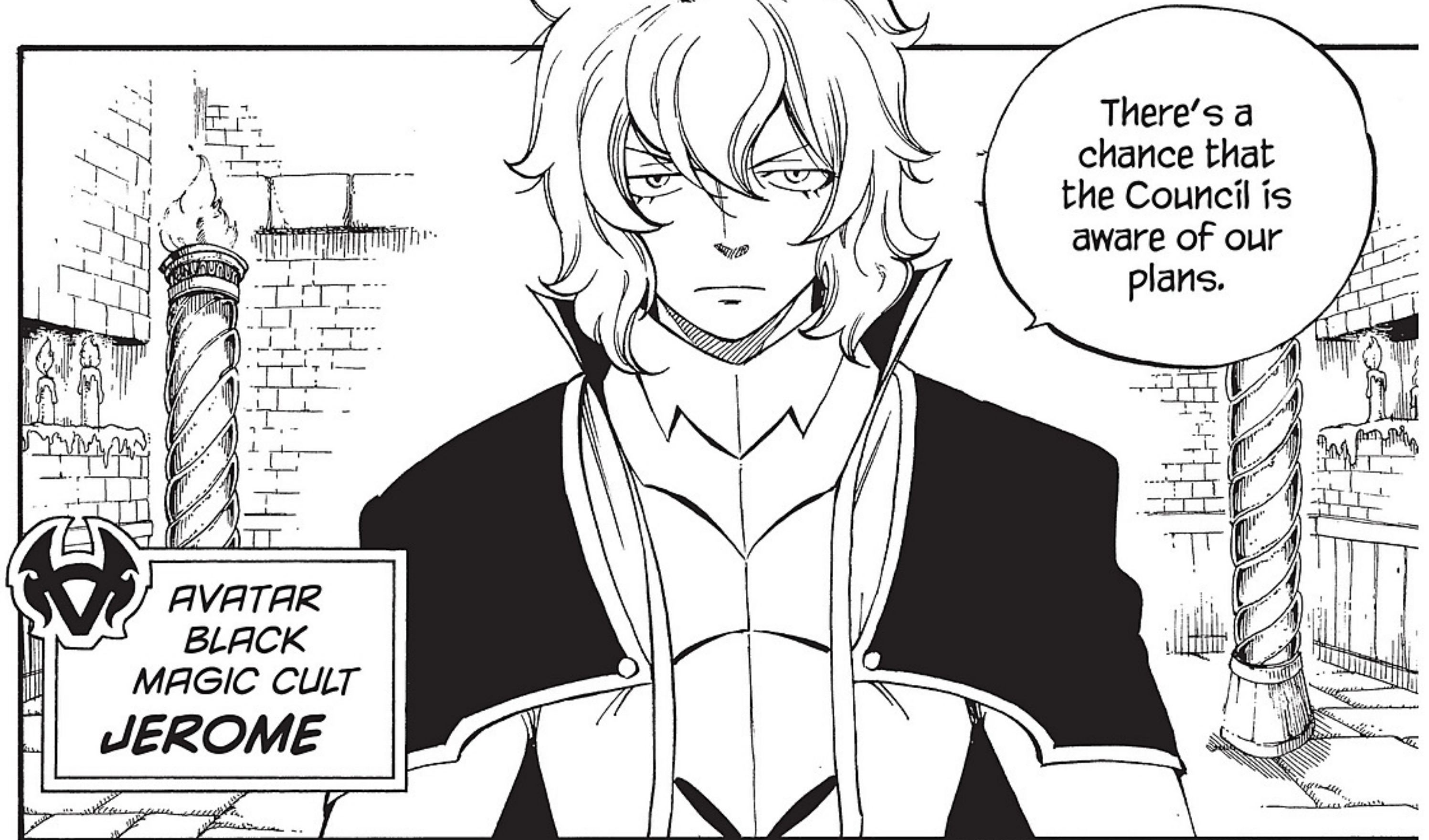
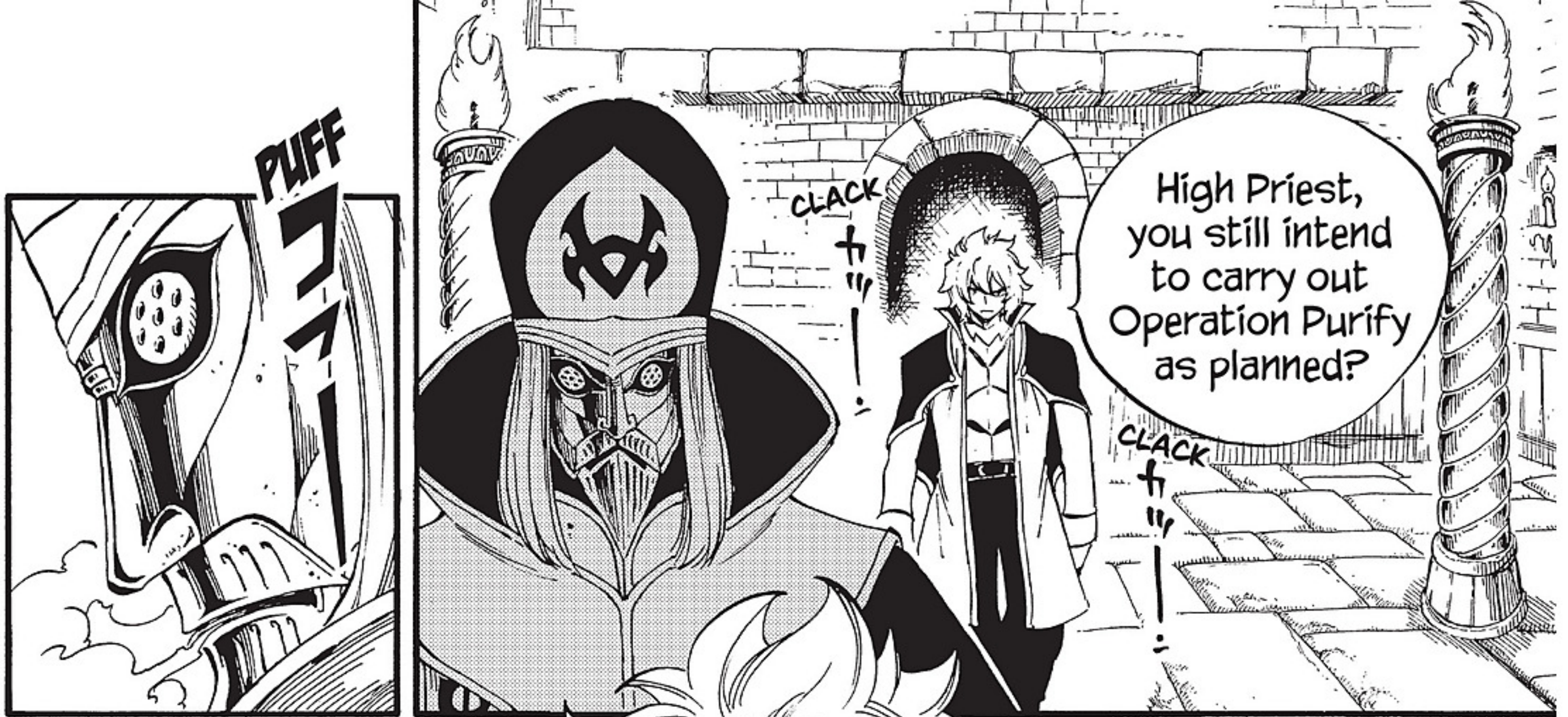
Zeref! I
offer up all
souls to
you!

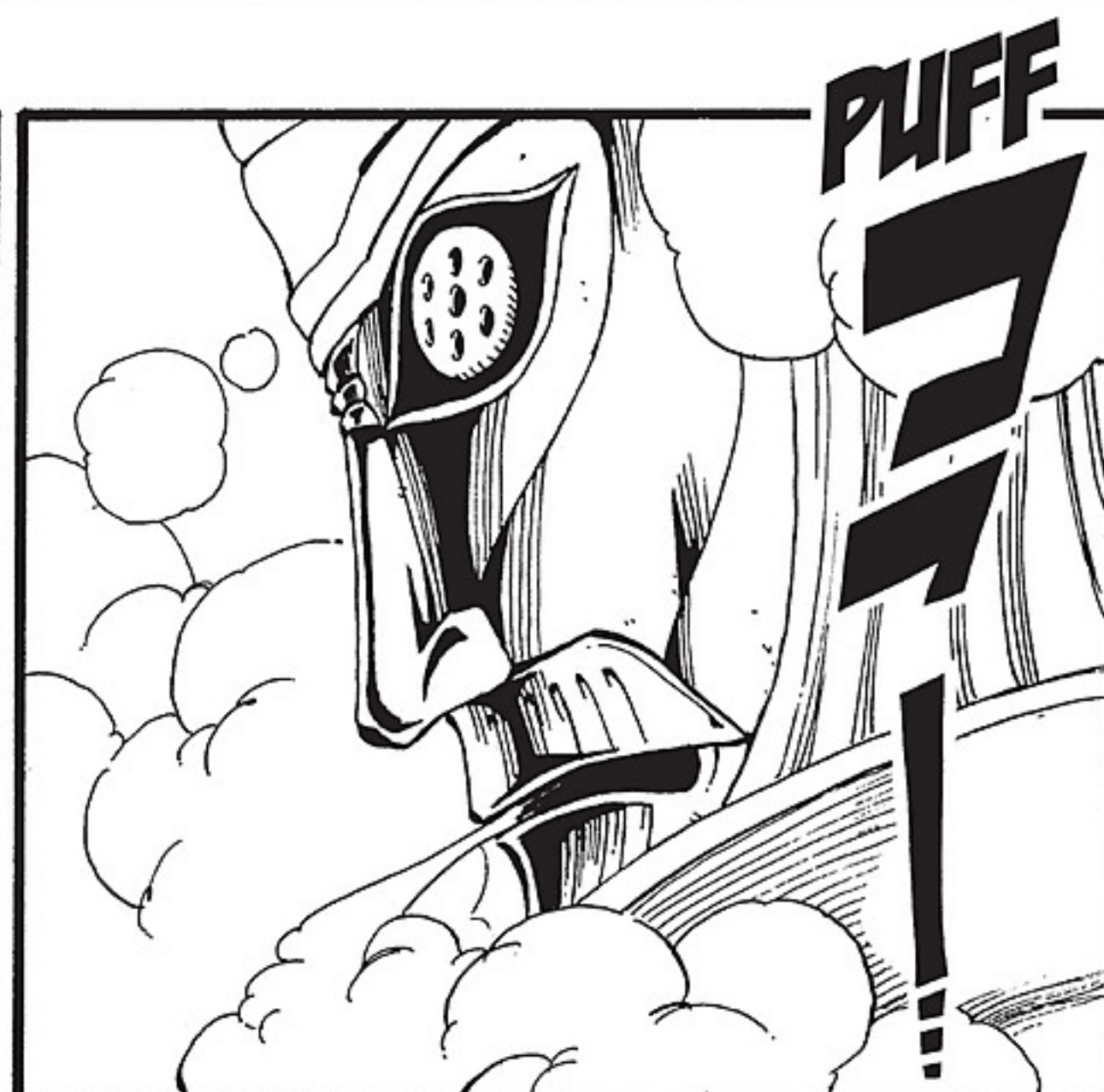
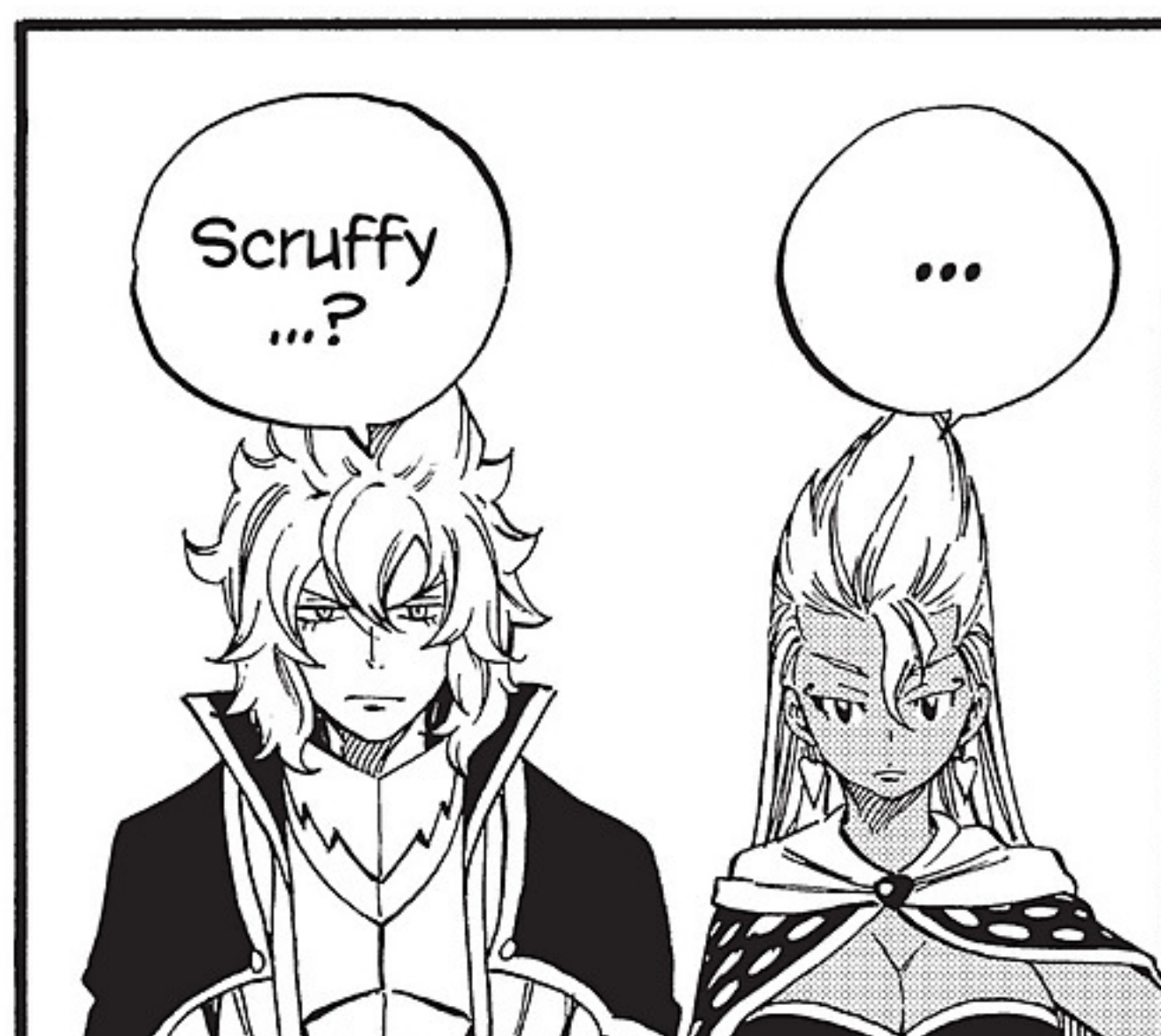
The day of
purification
is near!

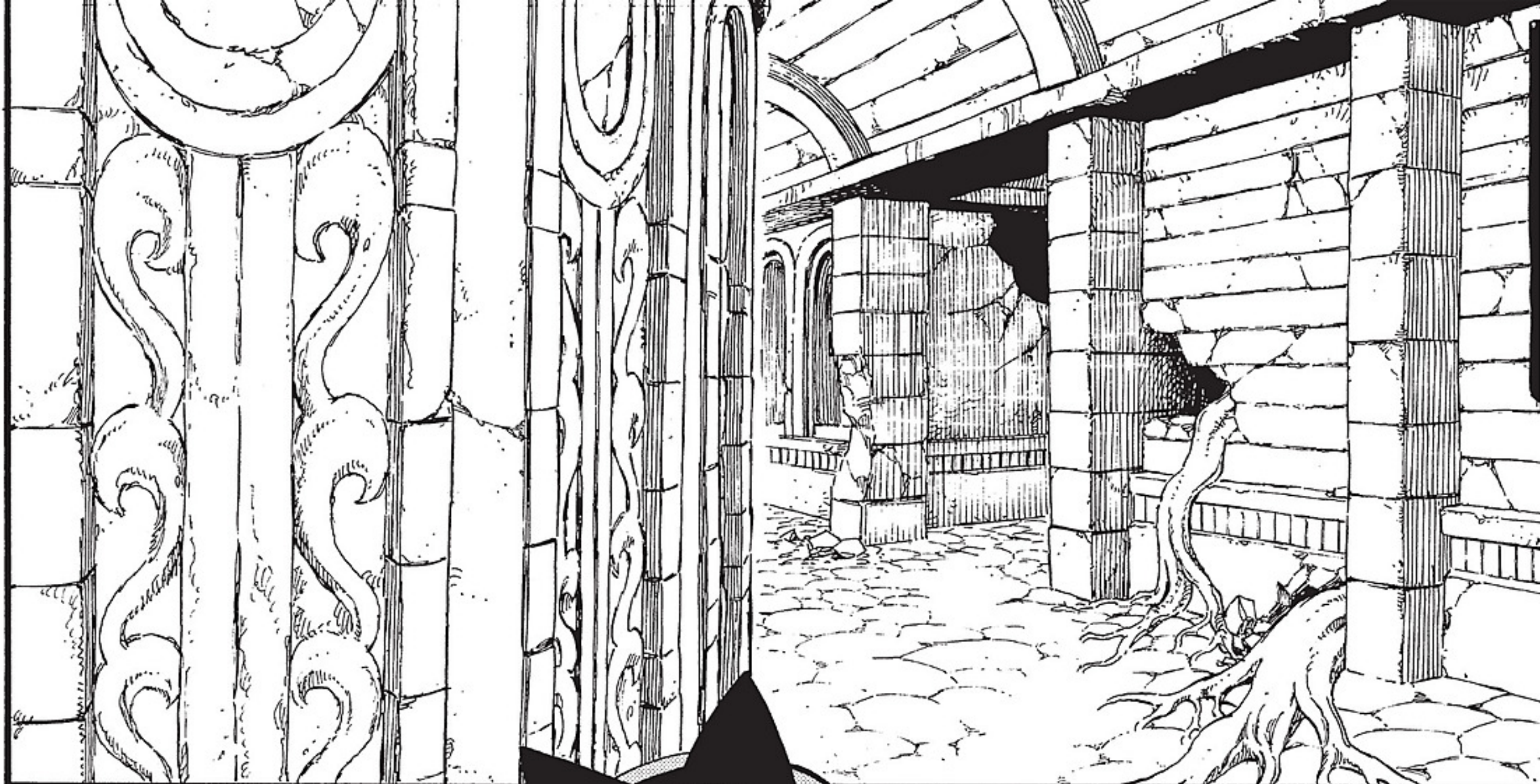


This impure
world will be
destroyed
and reborn!!

And
you will
stand atop
the Great
Magical
World!!







I wonder if Zeref will really come for us so quickly?
SMILE

GRIN

GRIN

The old guy has a stubborn streak, doesn't he?

AVATAR
BLACK
MAGIC CULT
MARY

They're always totally lame, too!

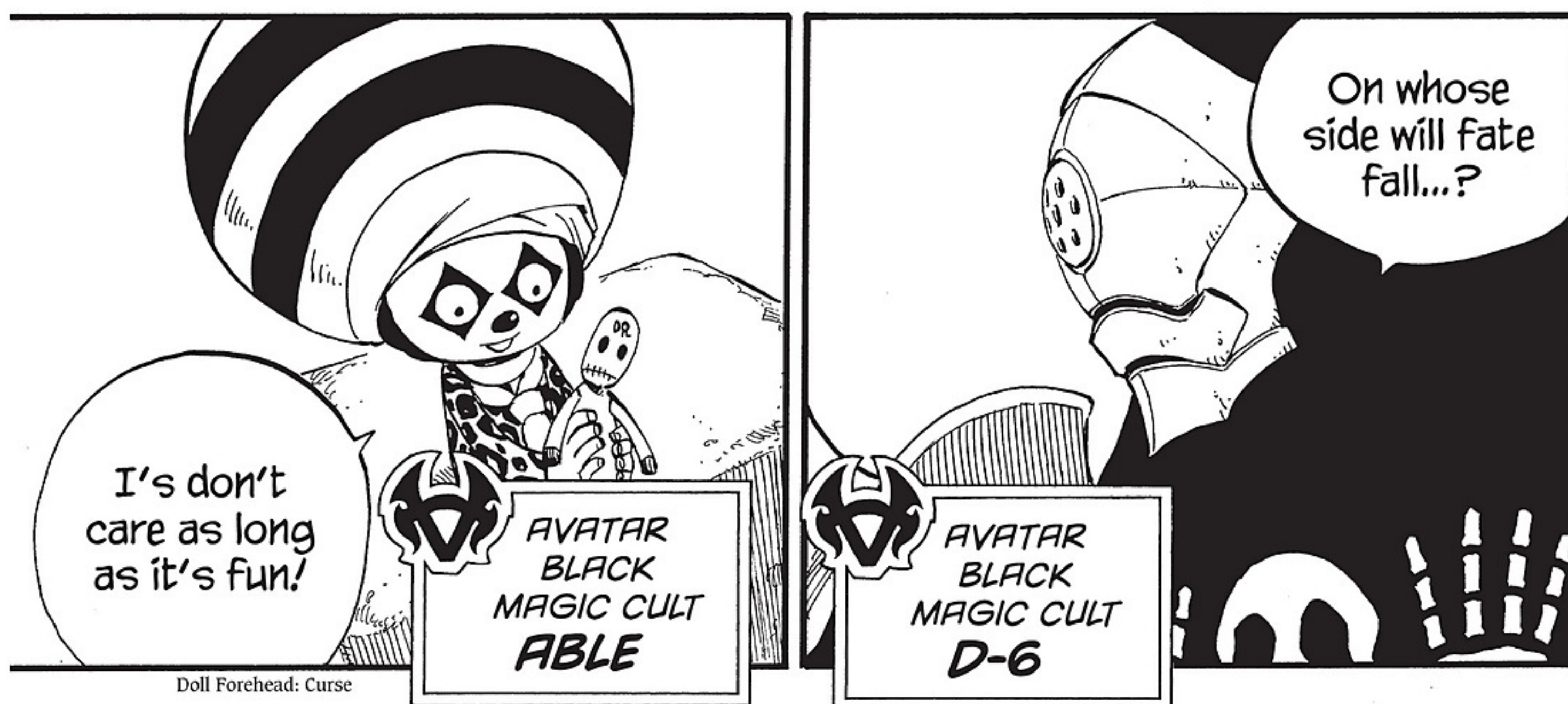
You're so mean, Briar! And *I'm* not the one going around calling everyone weird nicknames!!

HUMPH
TO HUMPH

Quiet, venomous woman!



Forehead: Green Tea

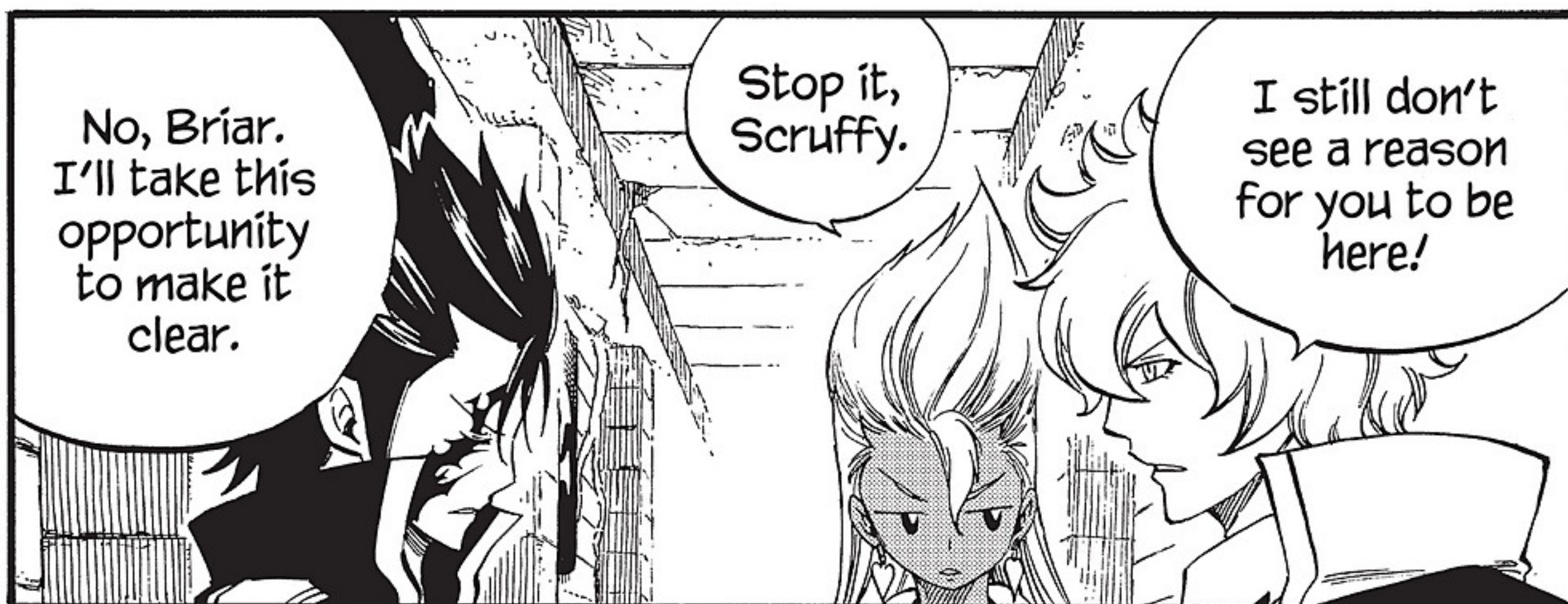


Doll Forehead: Curse

Gômon's Back: Tea







No, Briar.
I'll take this
opportunity
to make it
clear.

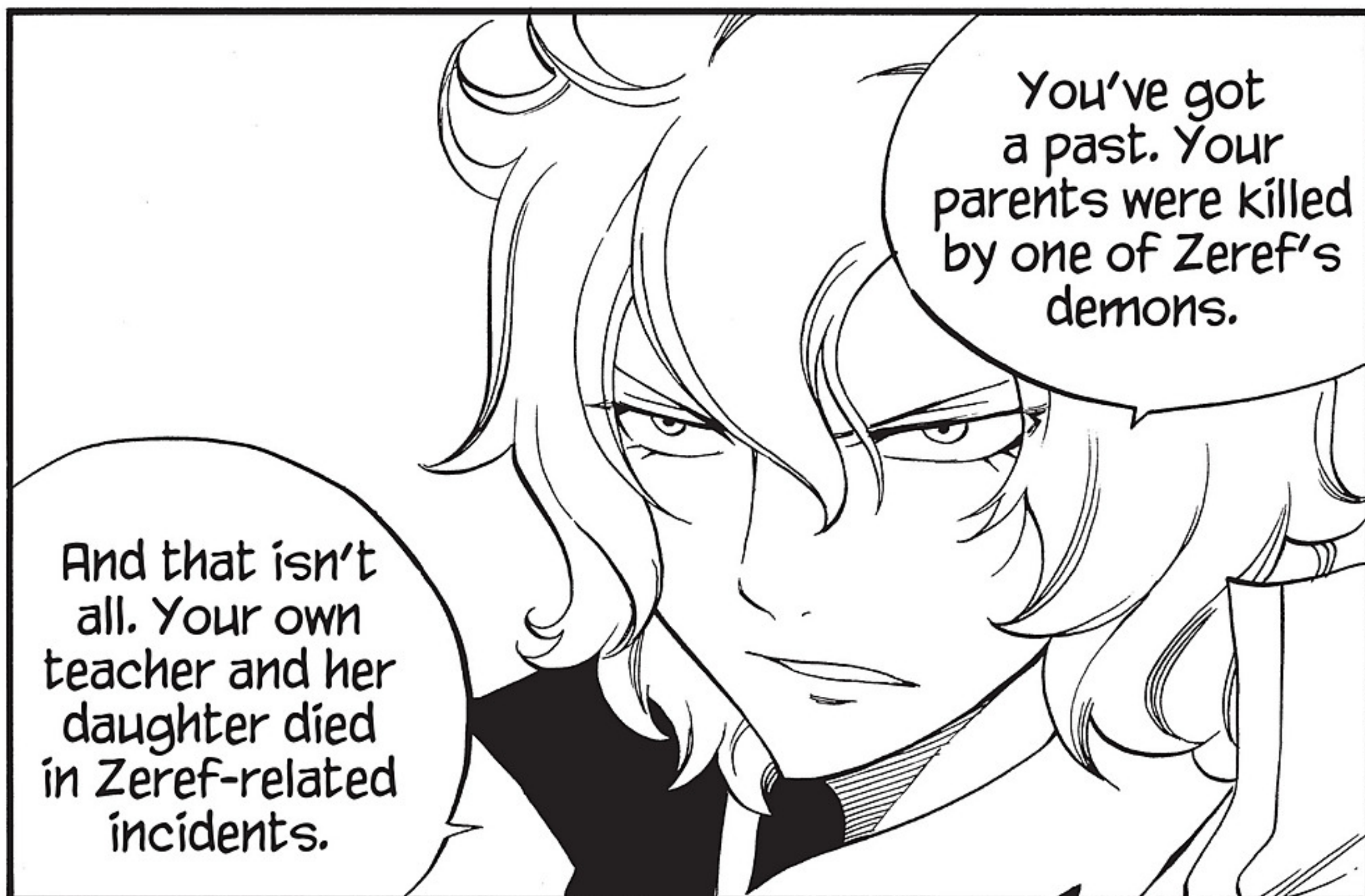
Stop it,
Scruffy.

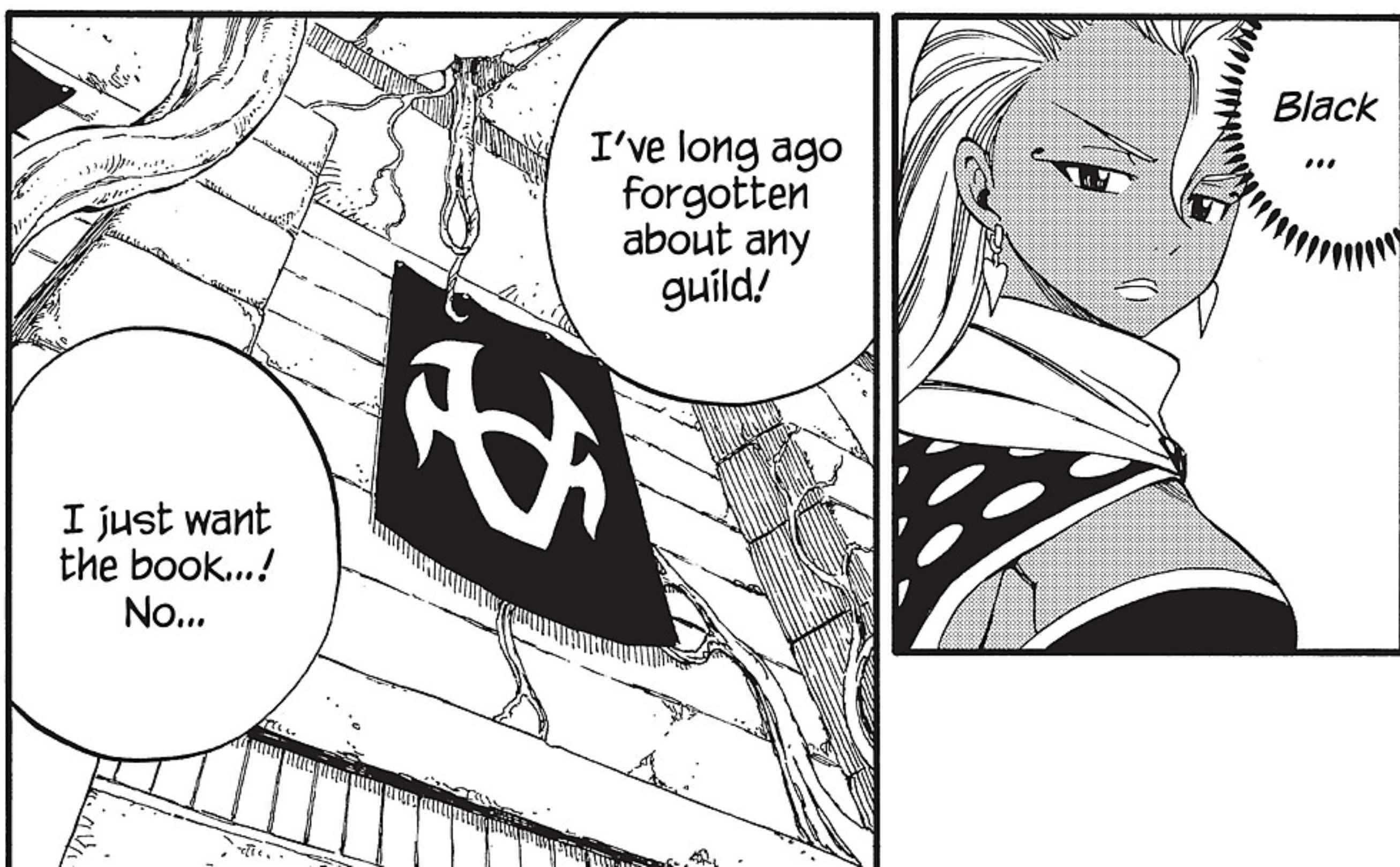
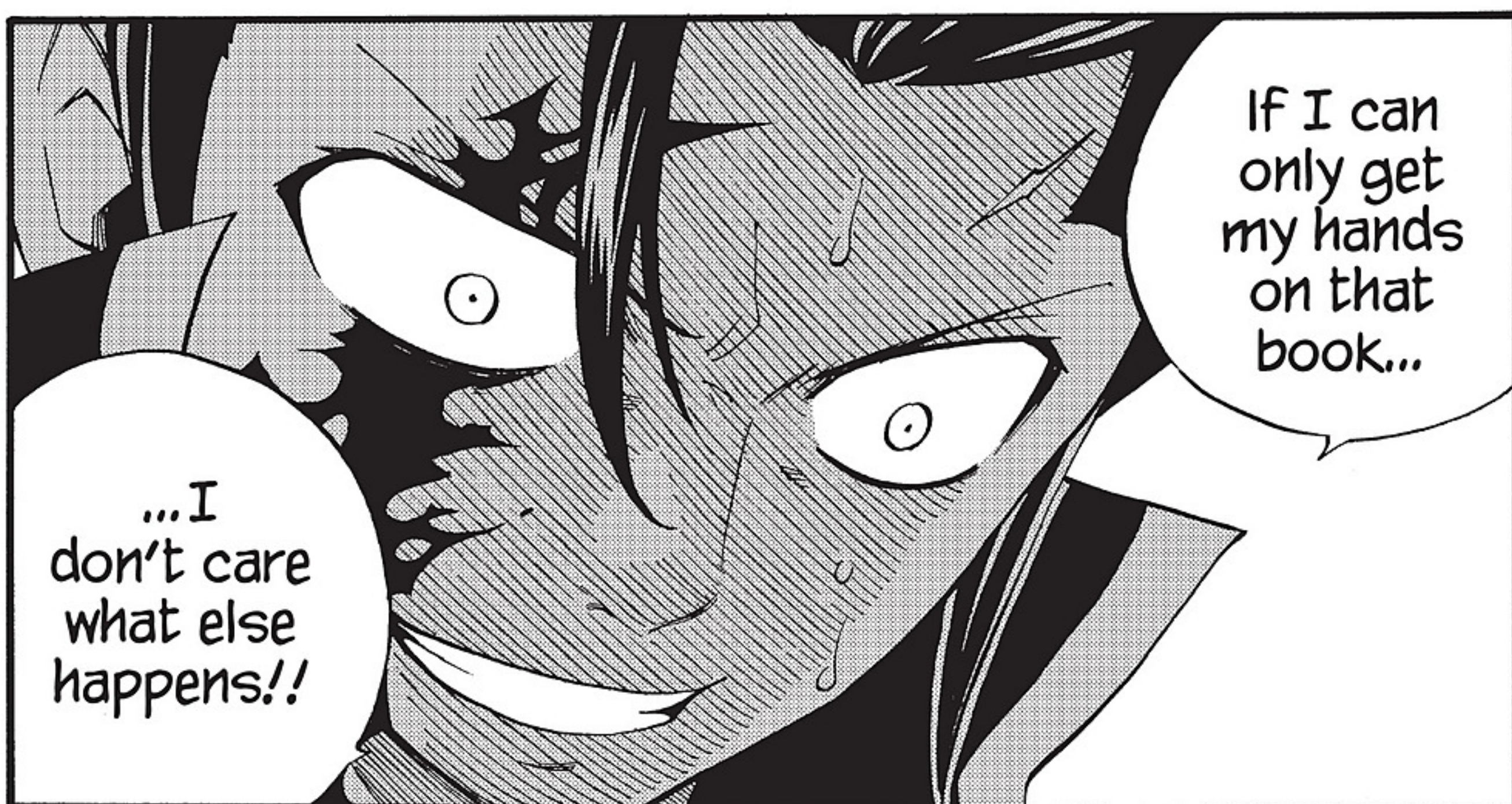
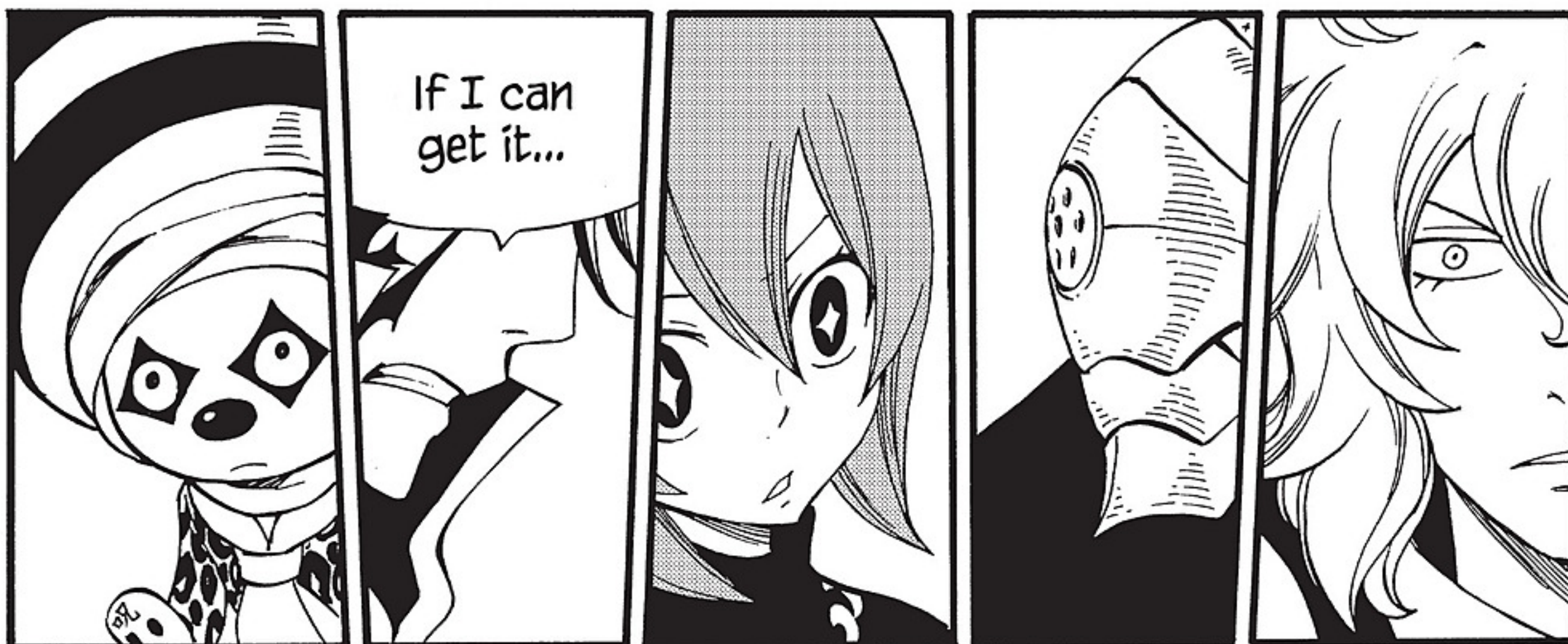
I still don't
see a reason
for you to be
here!



What I
want is
the **Book of
END.**

***That
is why
I am
here!***

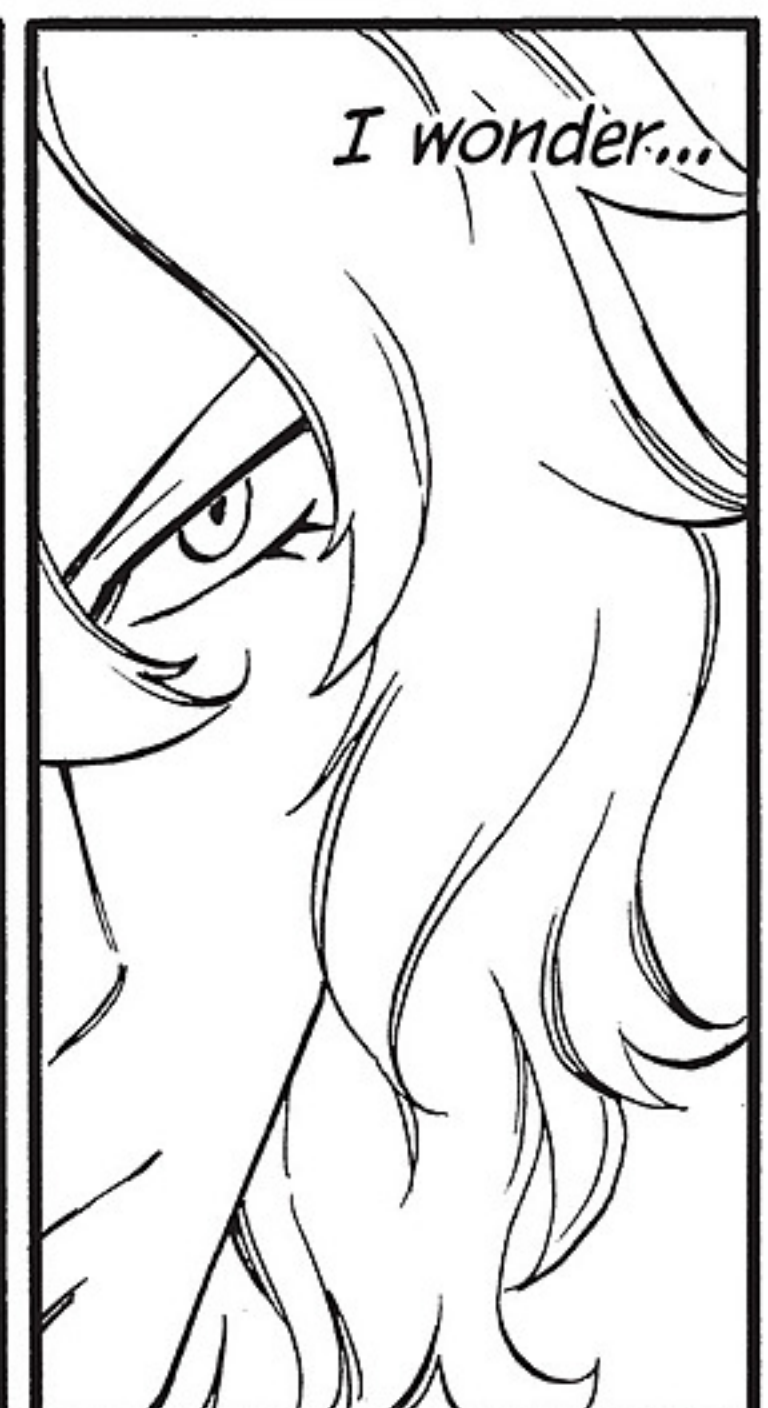
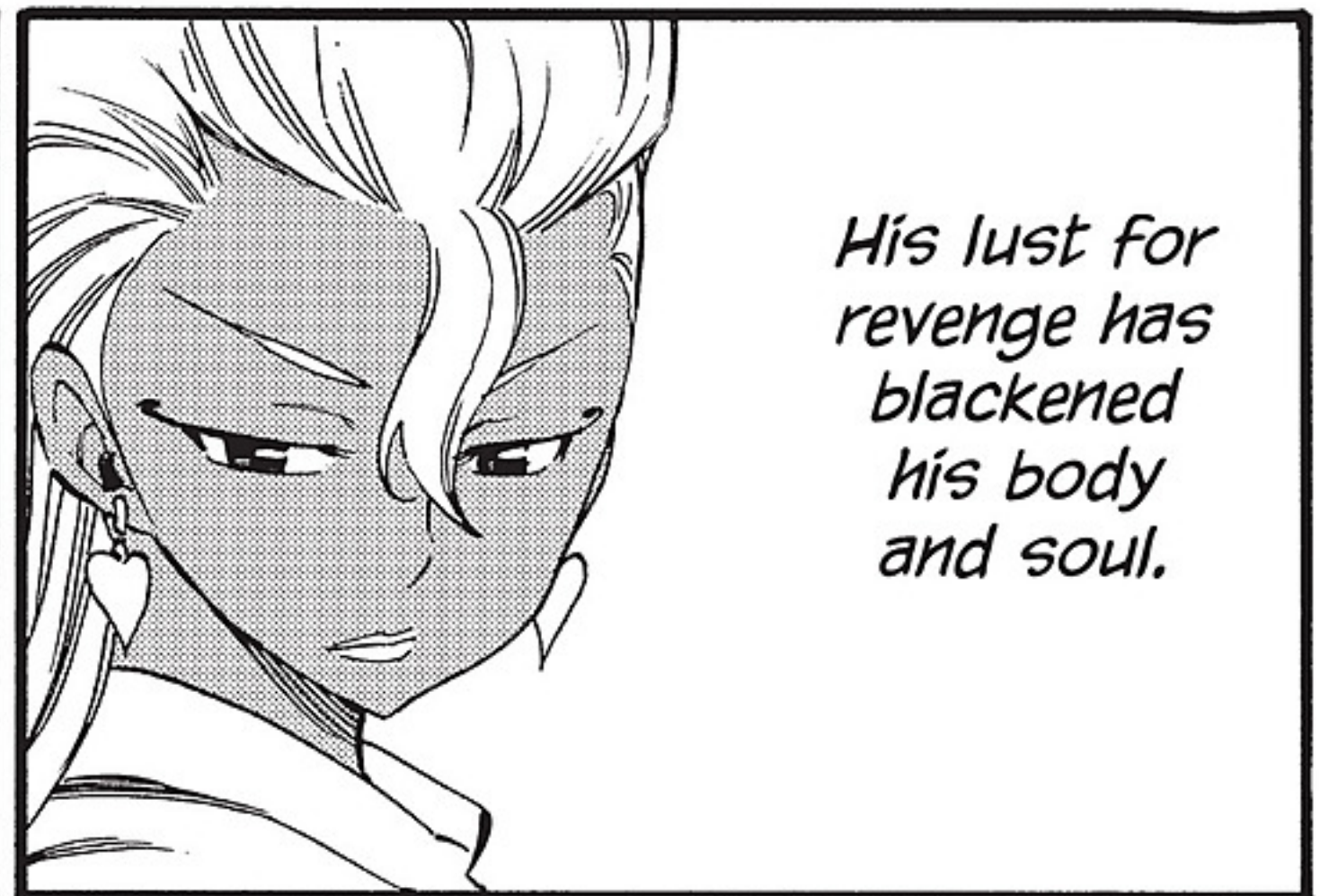
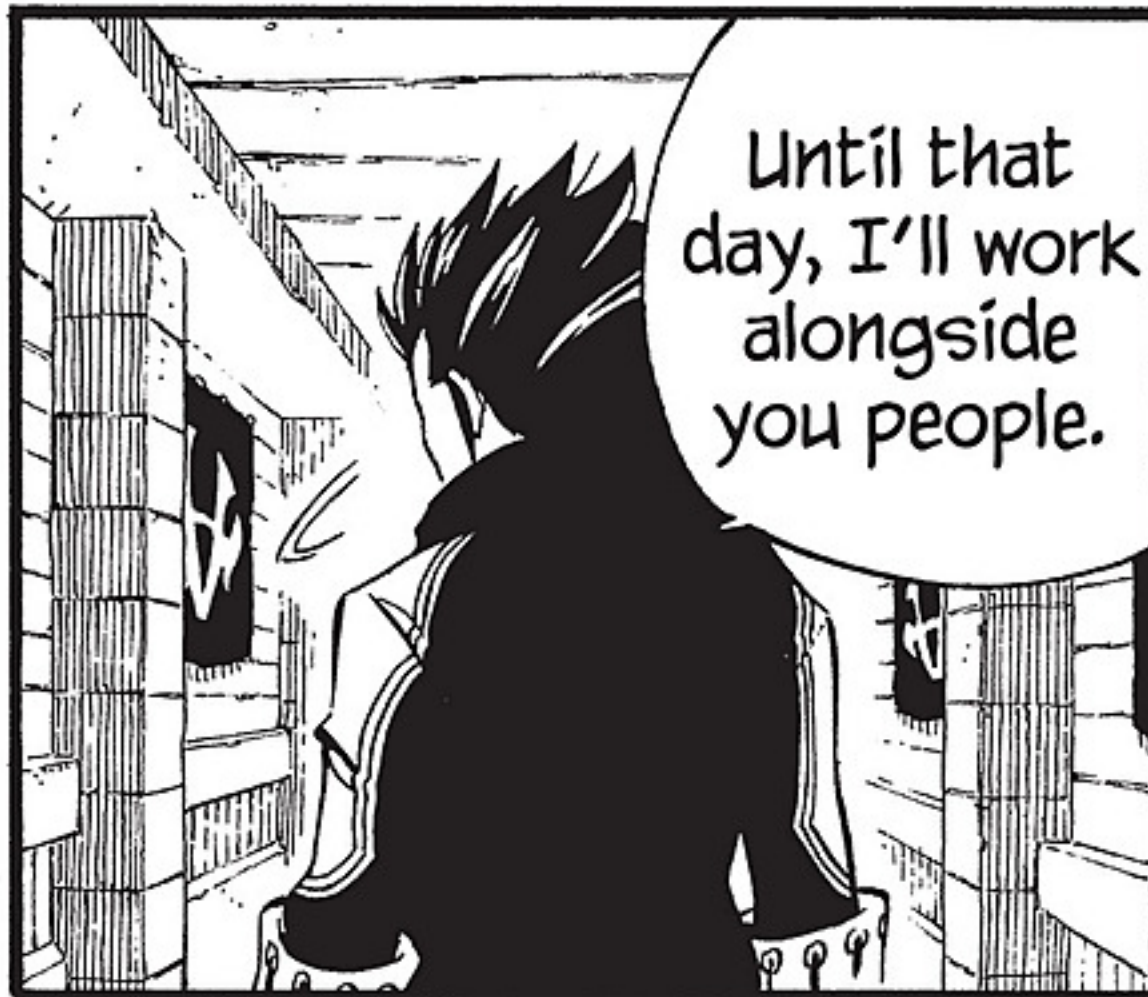


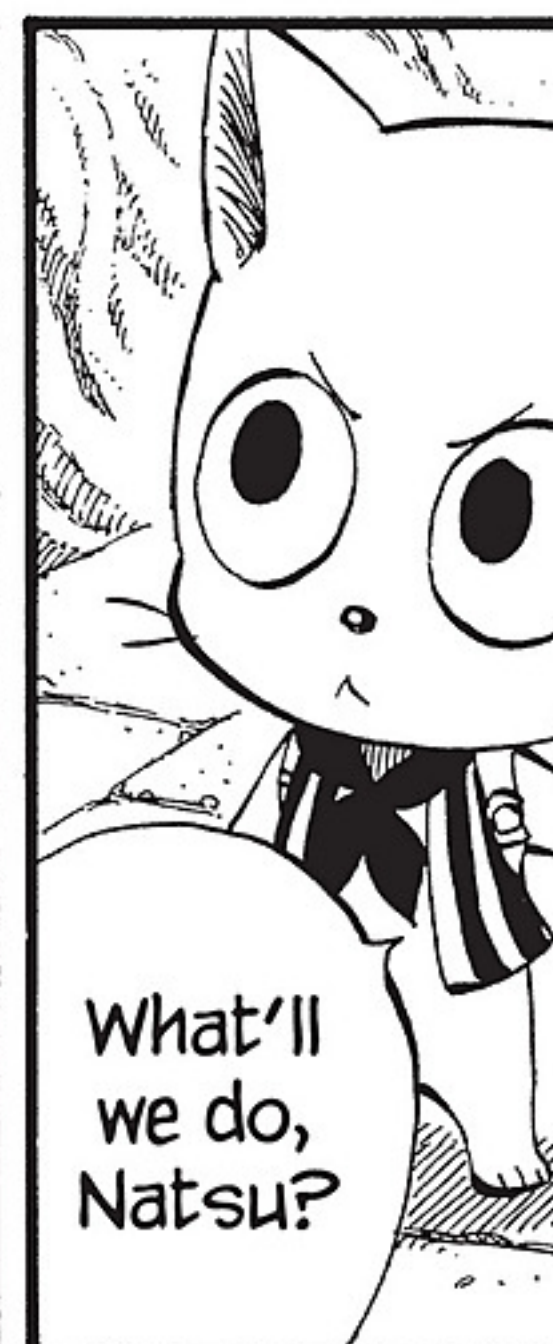


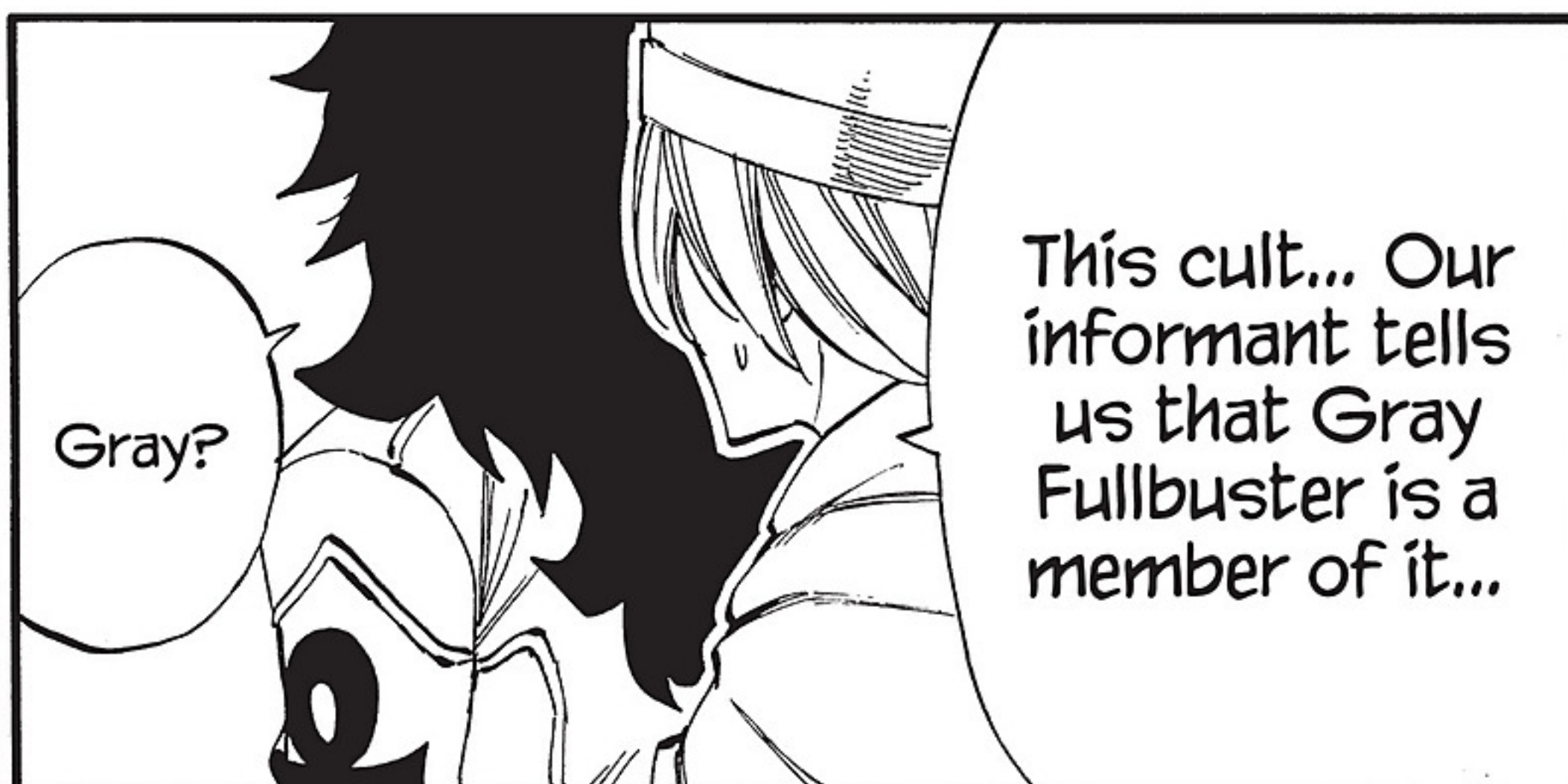
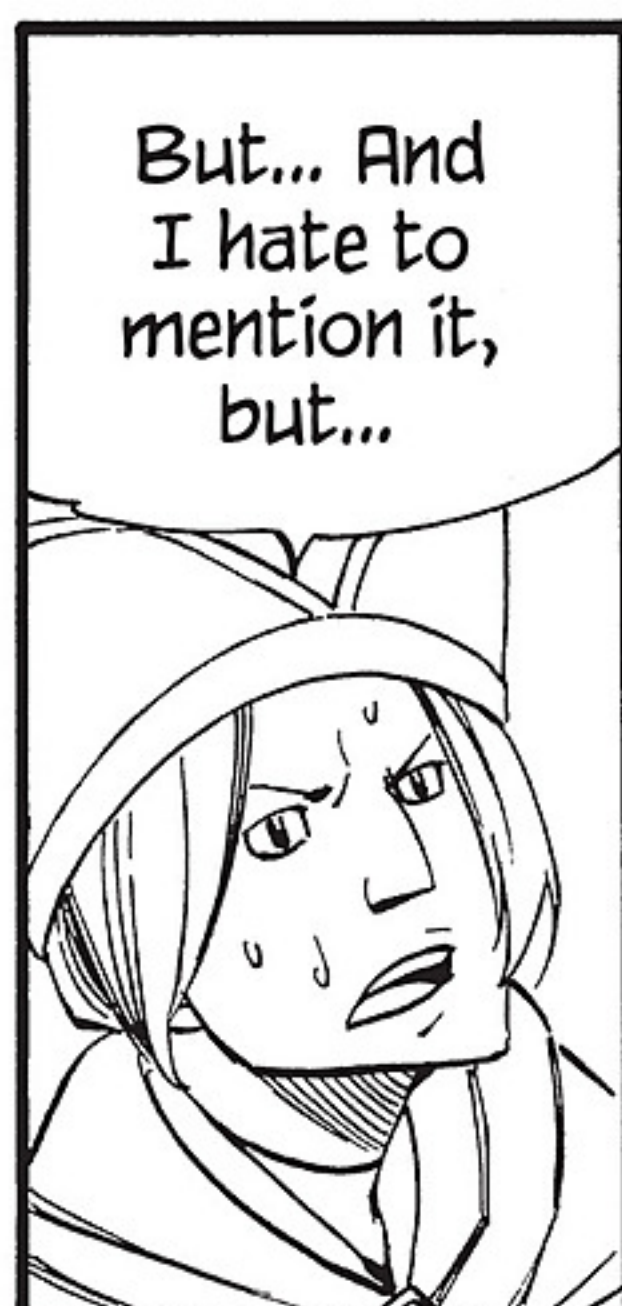
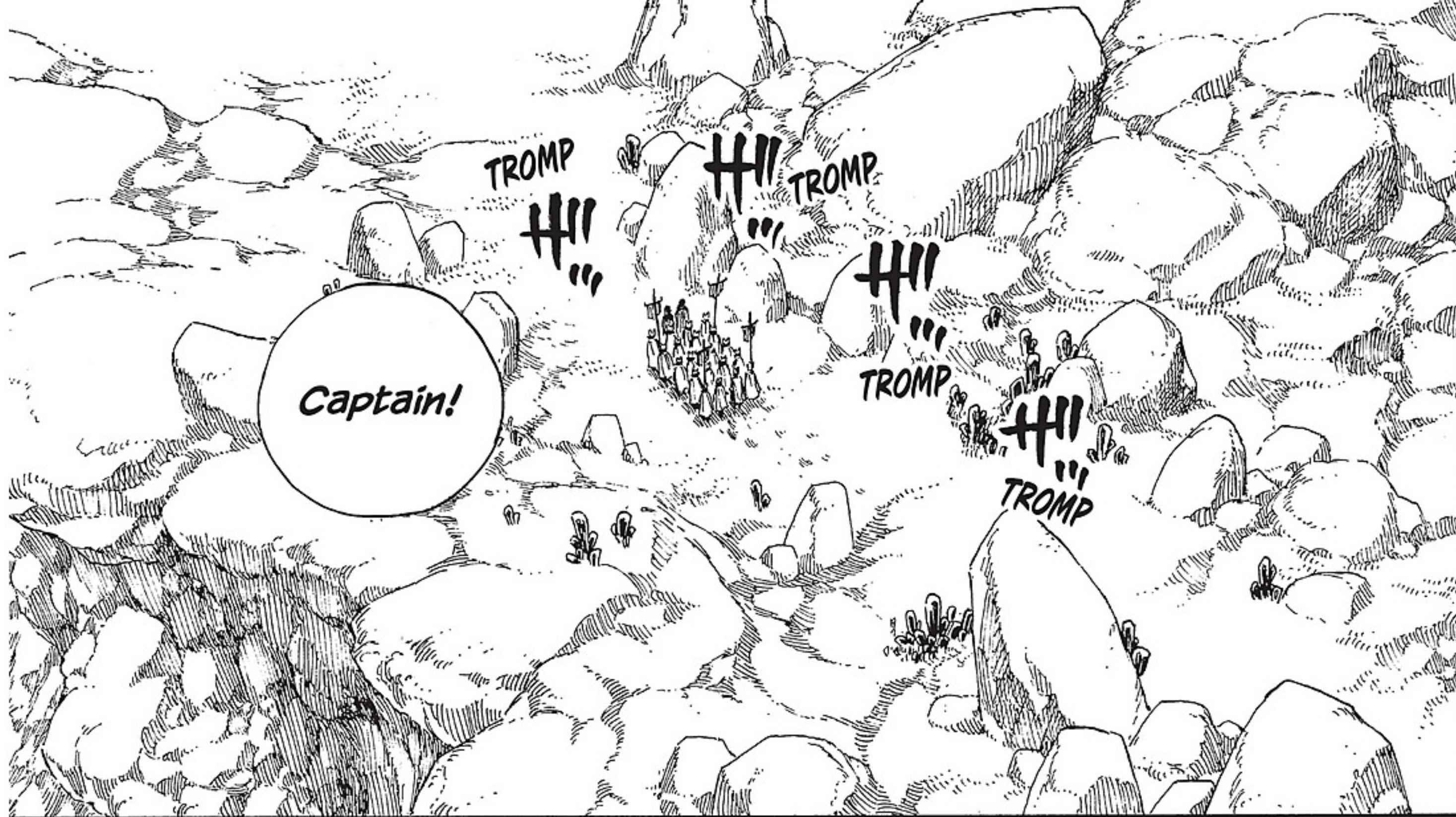


**I live only
to defeat
END!**

**And I
don't care
who or what
I have to use
to make that
happen!!**







**Who cares?!
We're gonna
grab all of
'em!!**

**That's the
job of the
Council's
Arrest and
Custody
Division,
right?!**



**MAGIC
COUNCIL**

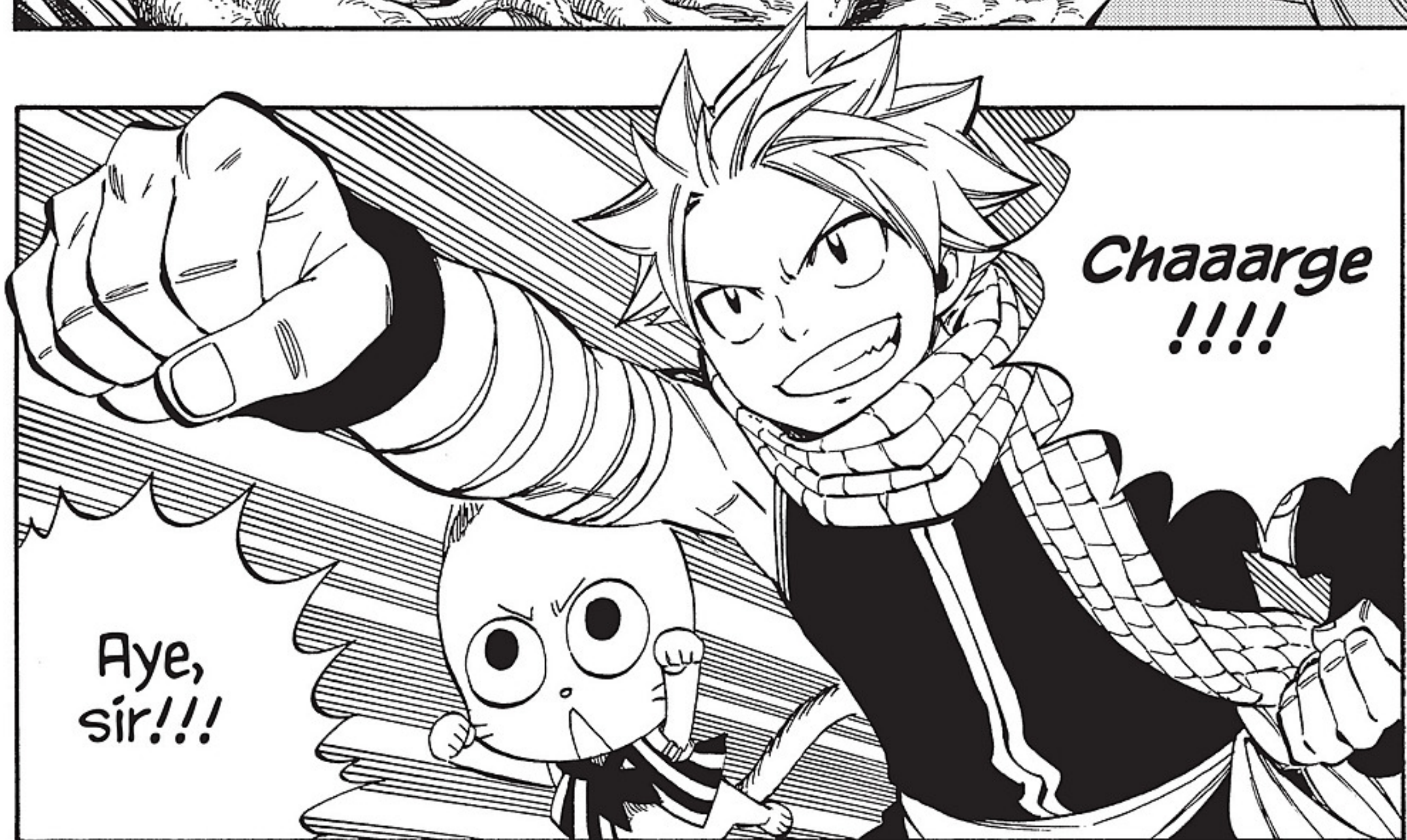
GAJEEL REDFOX

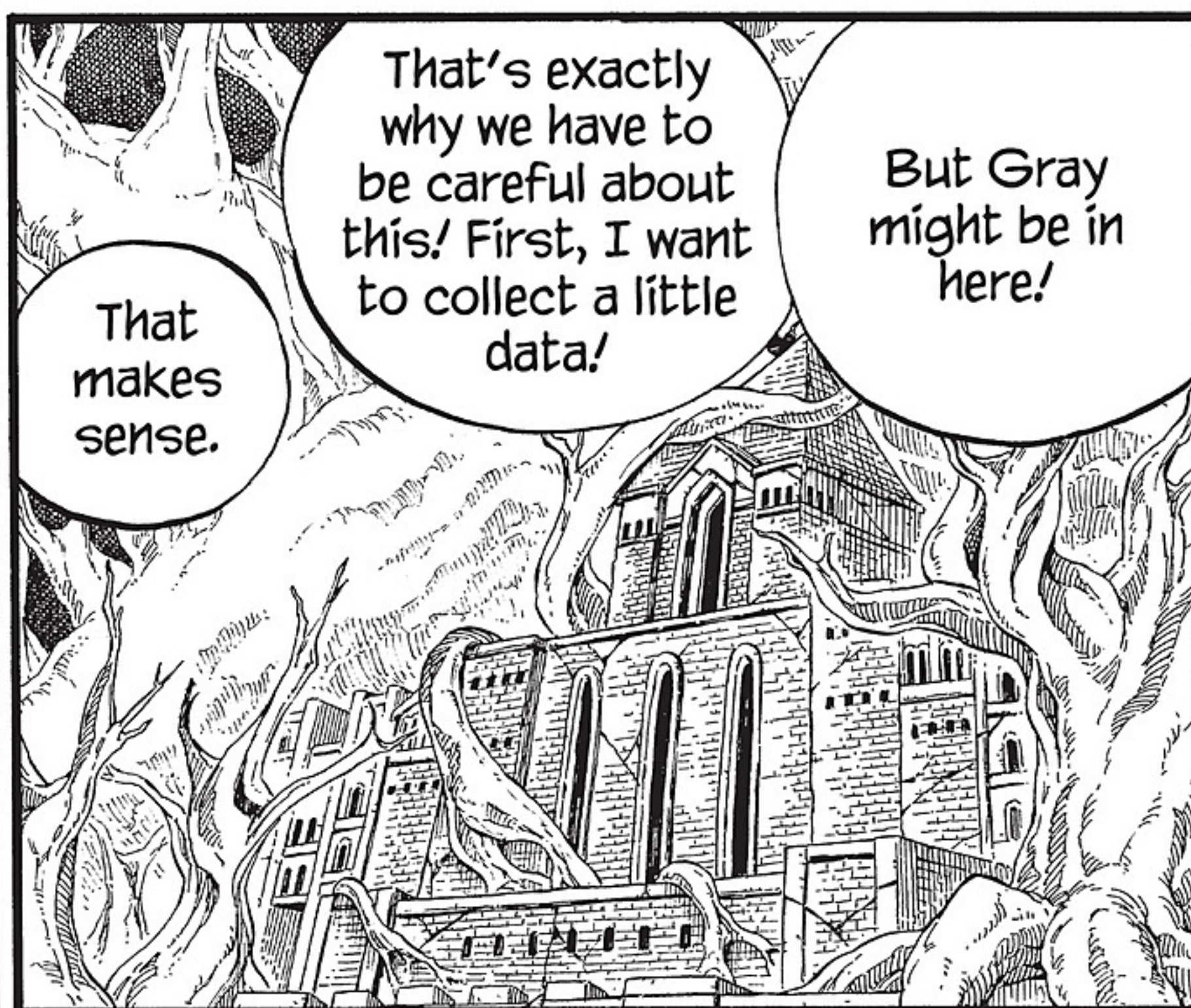
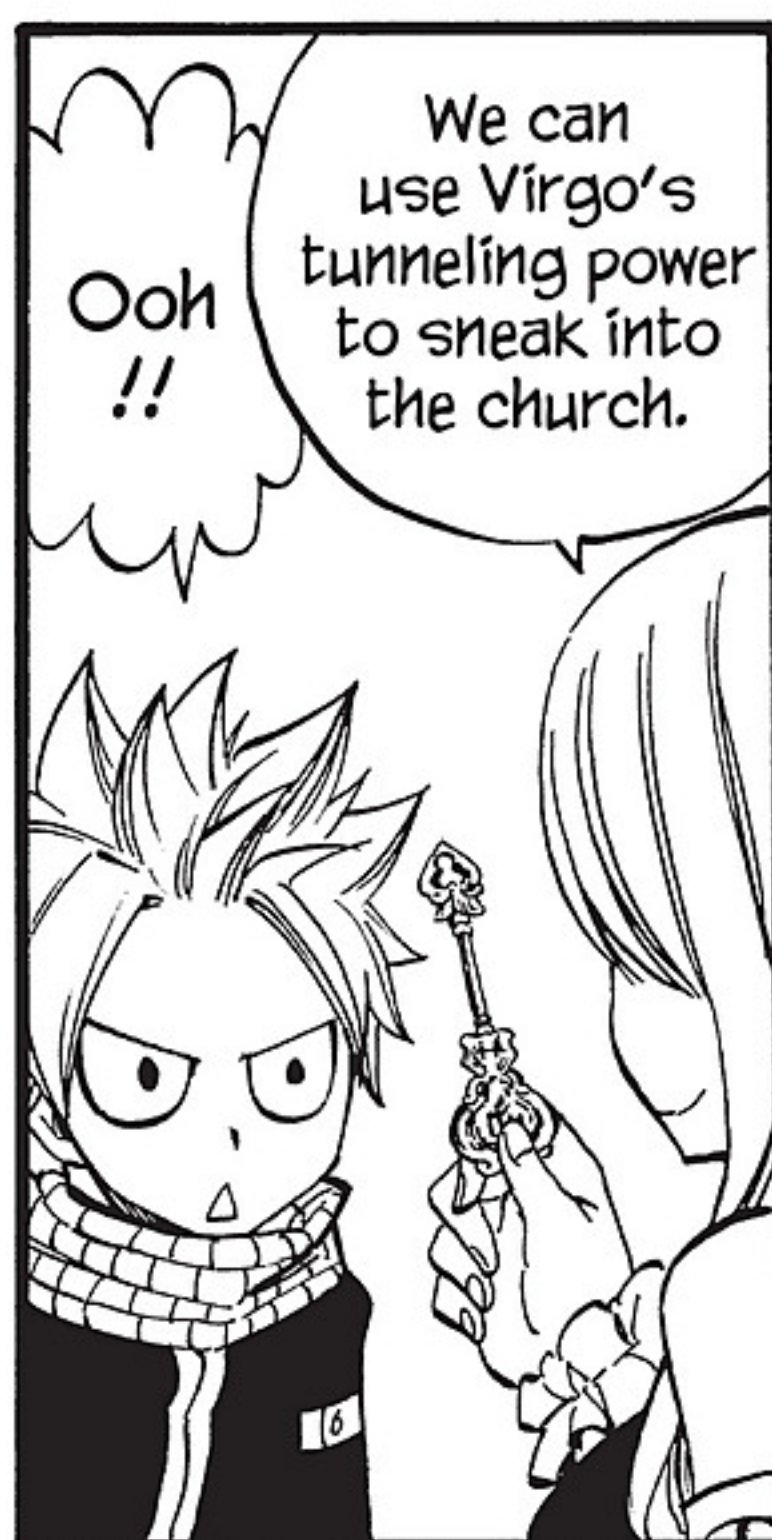
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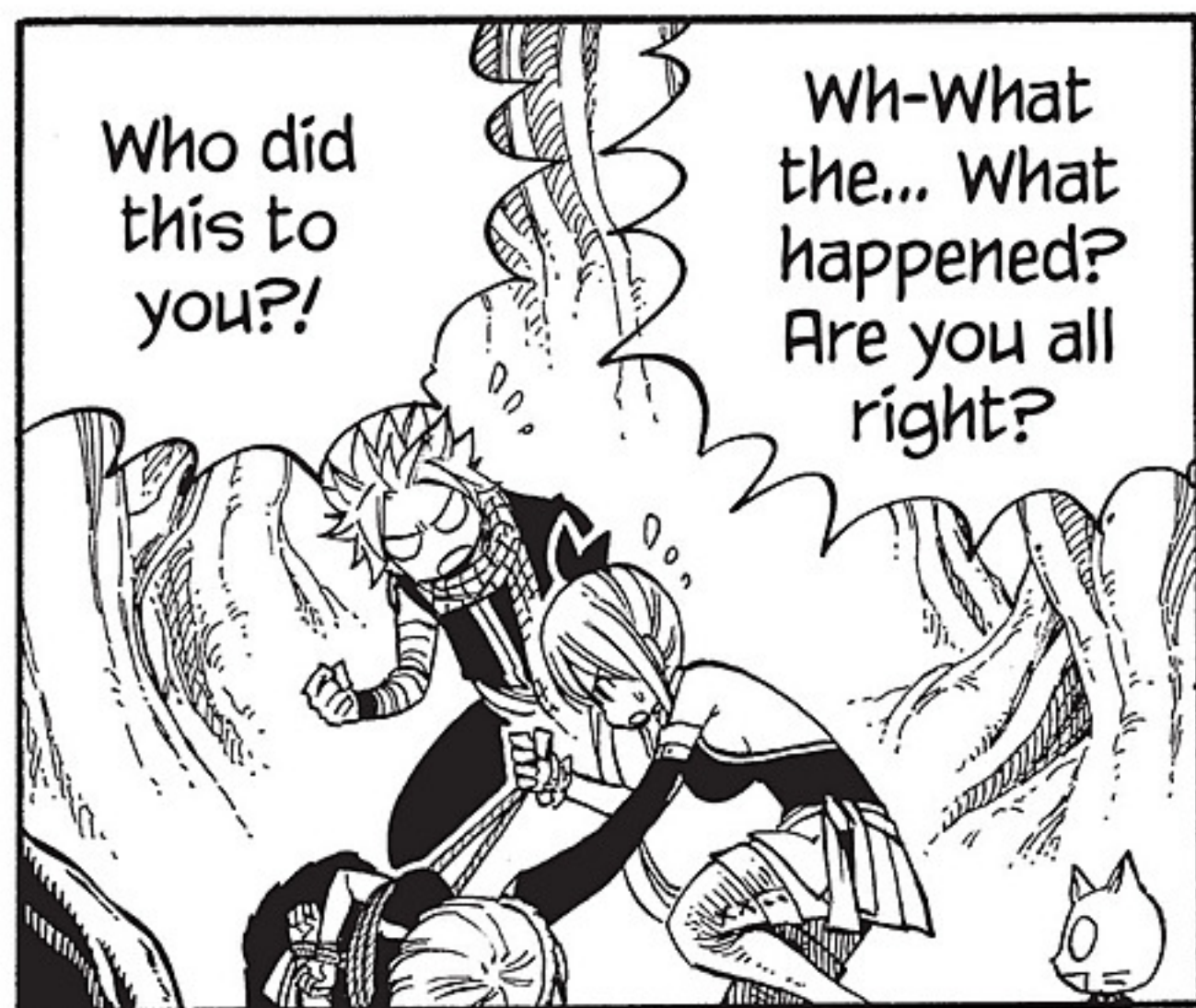
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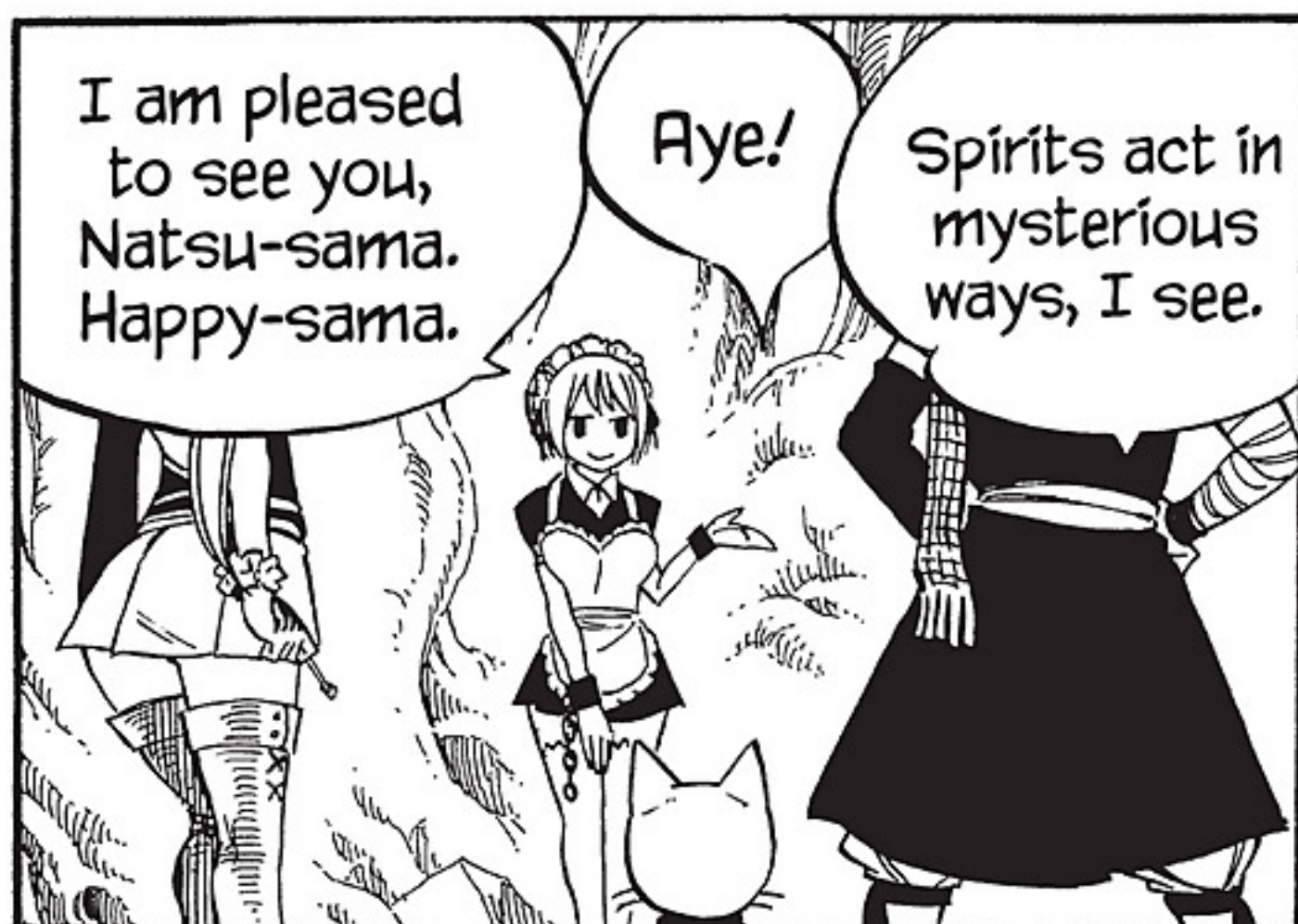
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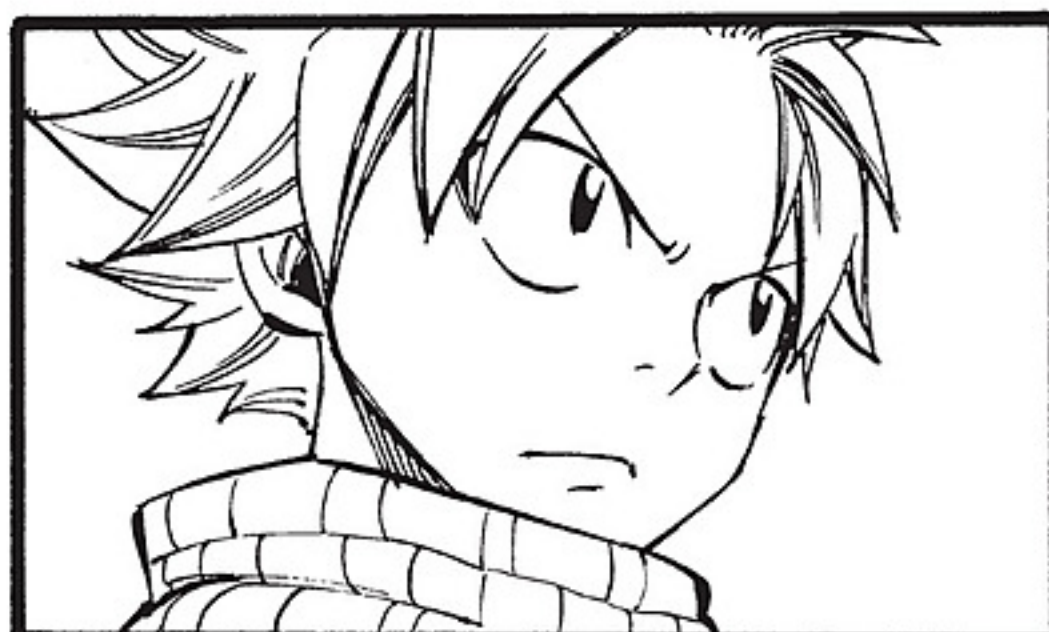
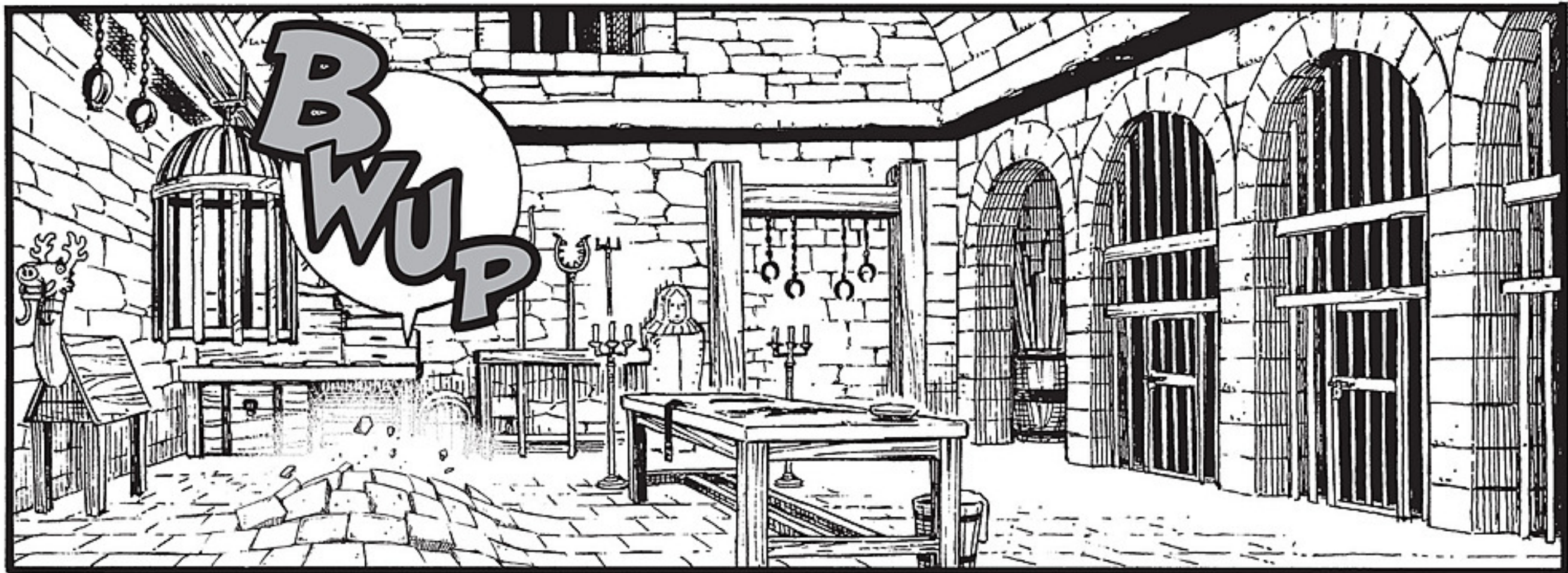
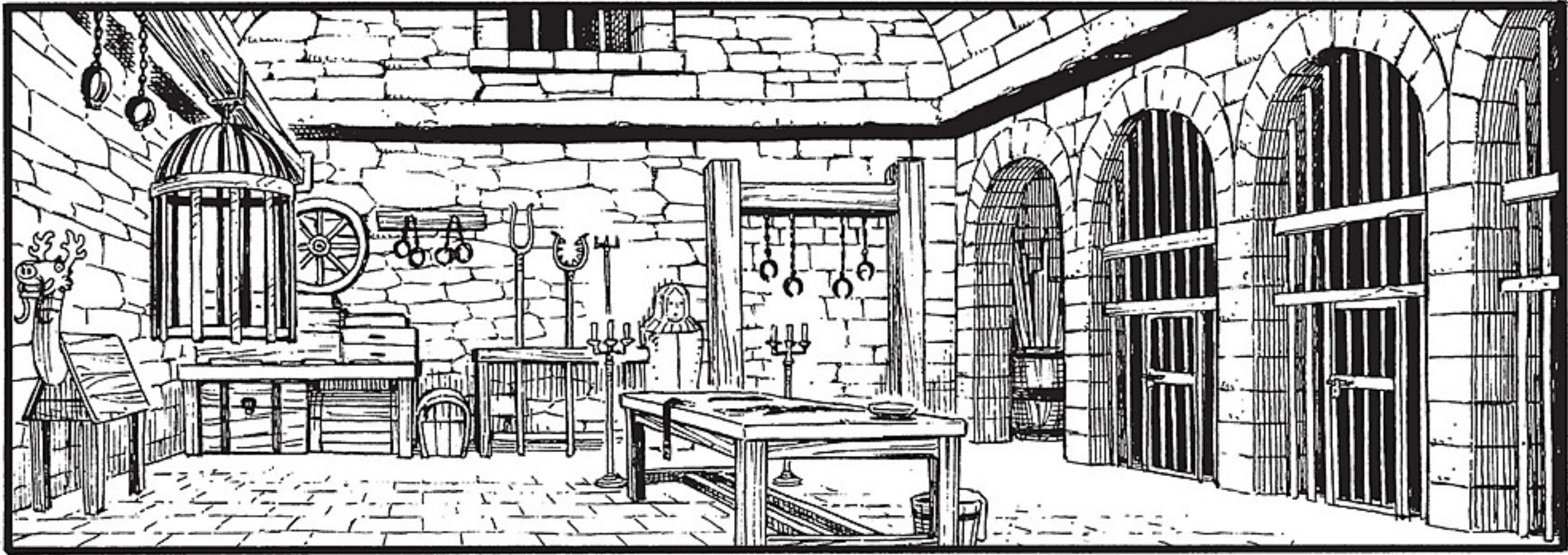


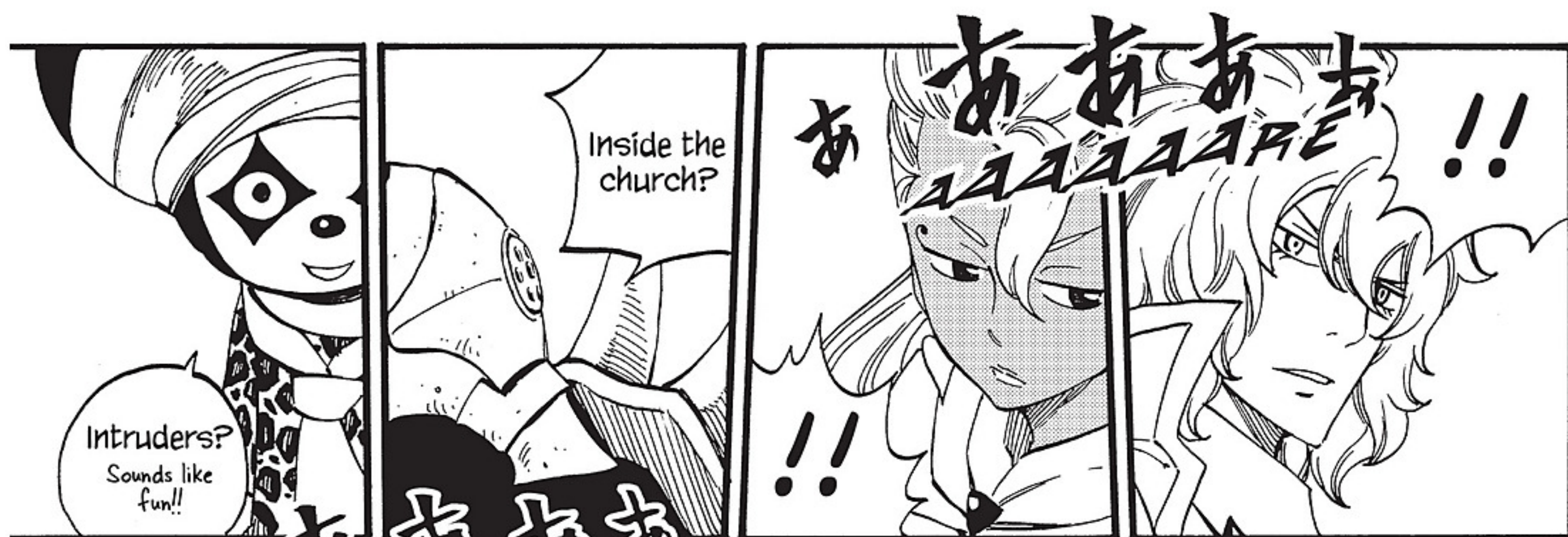






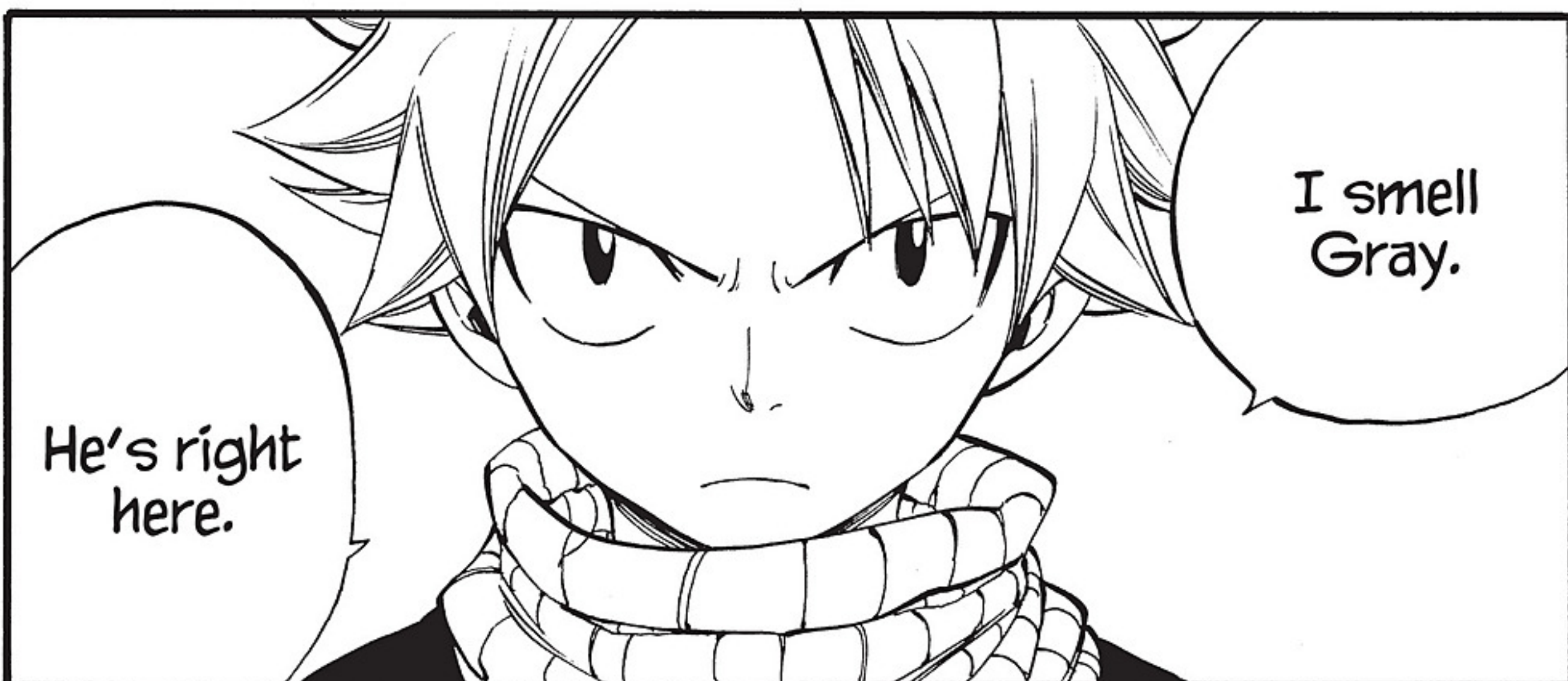
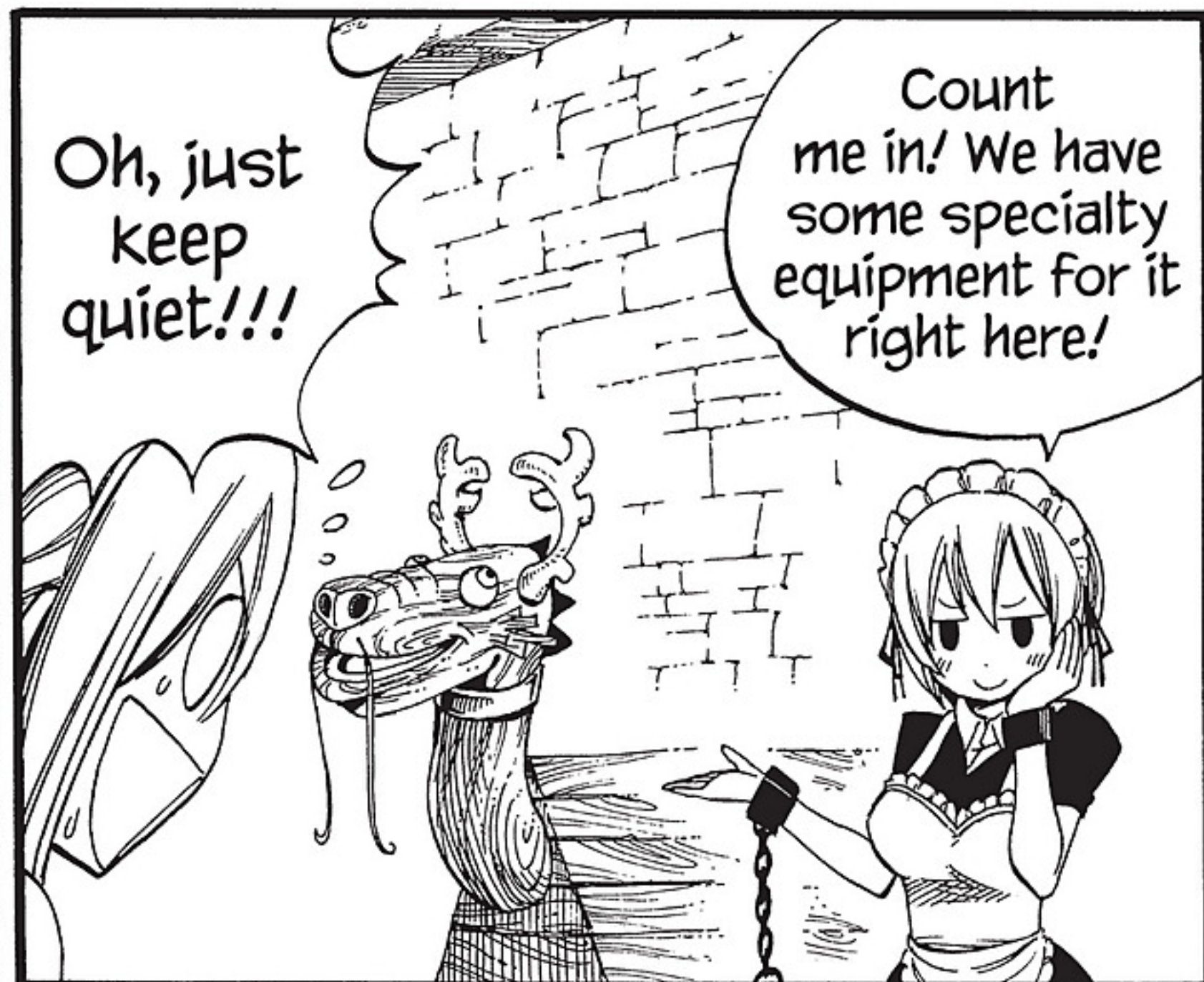








What's all
the shouting
for?!!! Why
did we bother
sneaking in if
you were going
to give us away
like that?!!!





Hey, we's got a secret base here! What's yous doing in it?



Then there's no need to sneak around, huh?



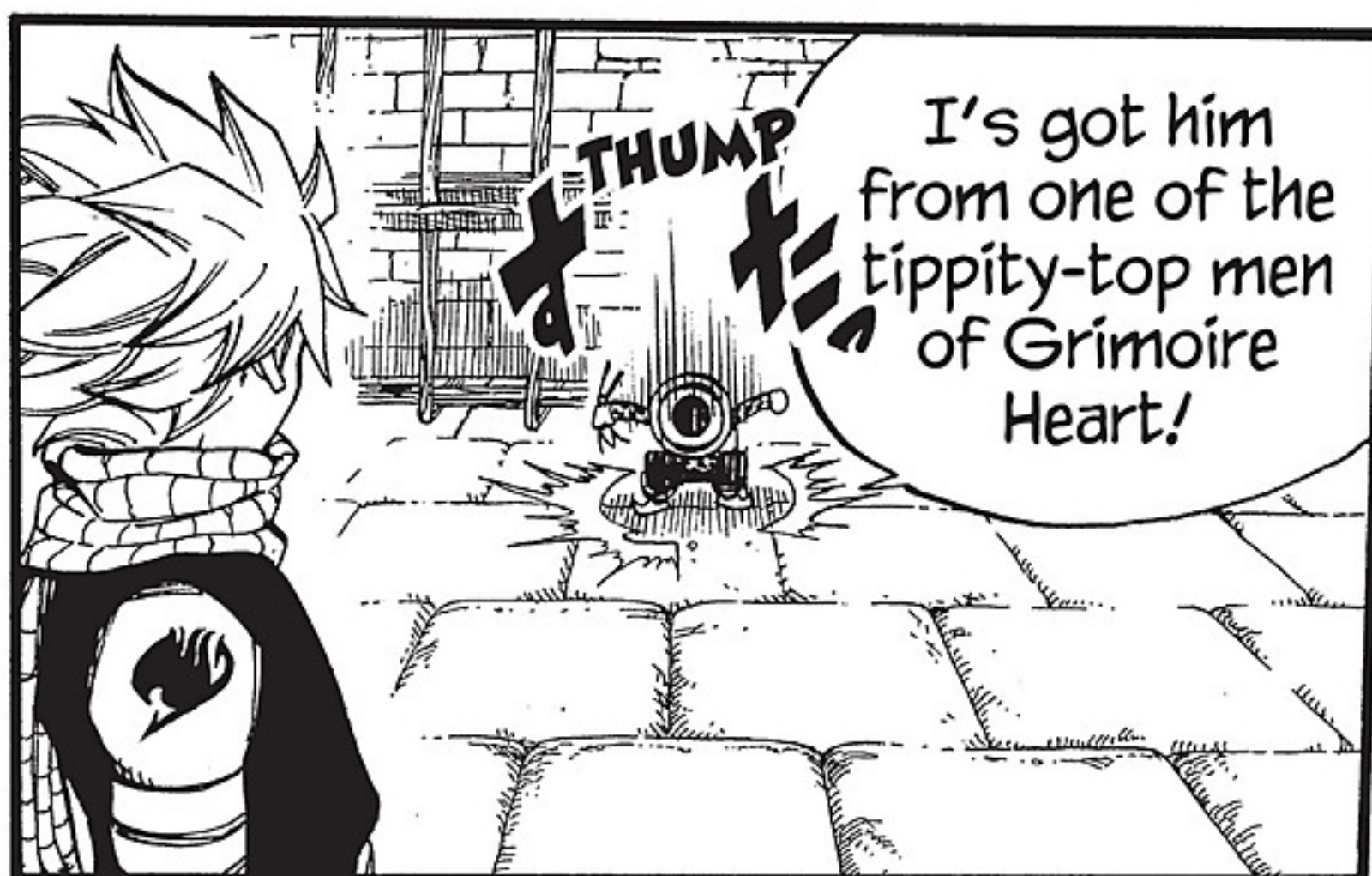
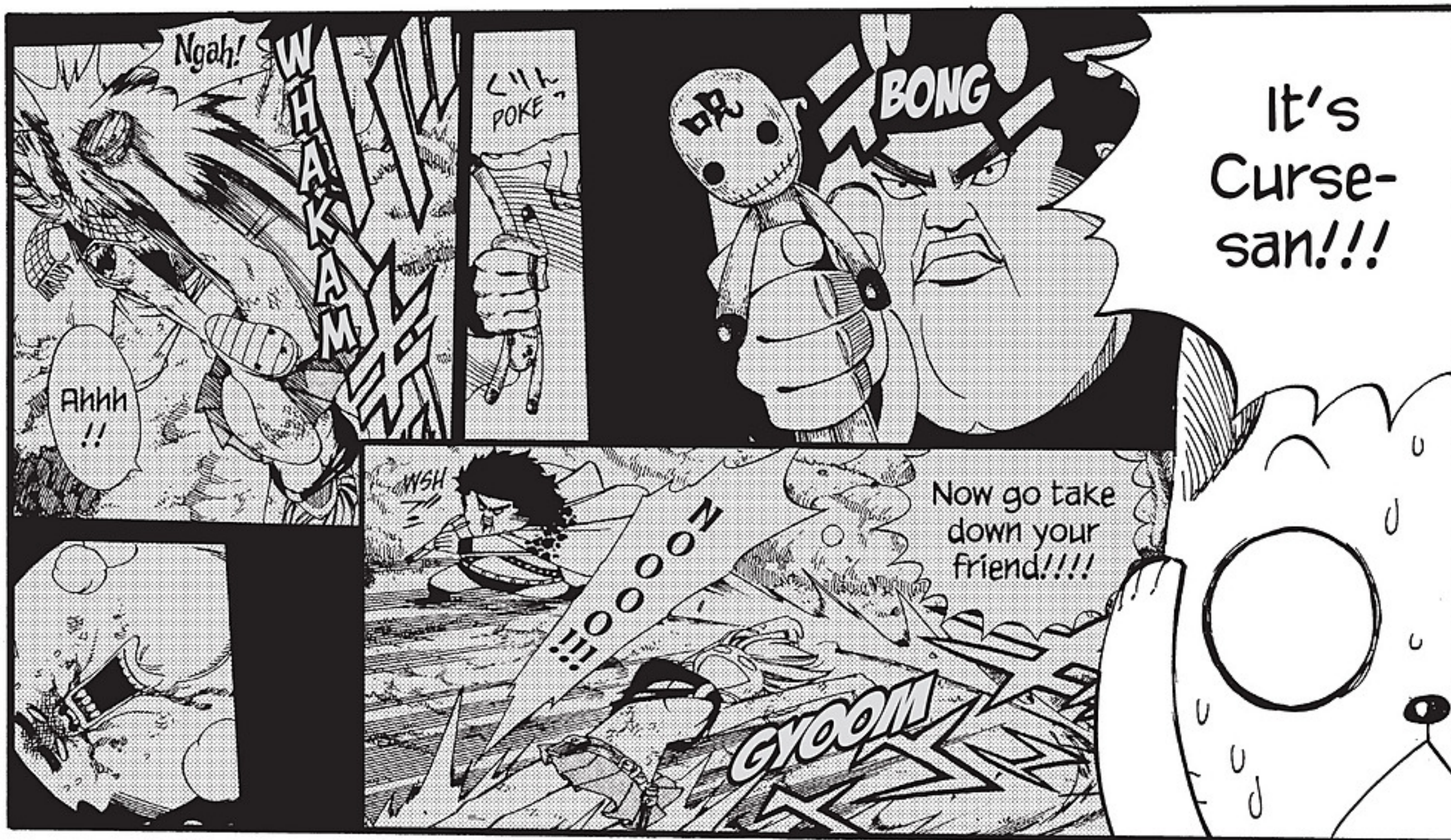
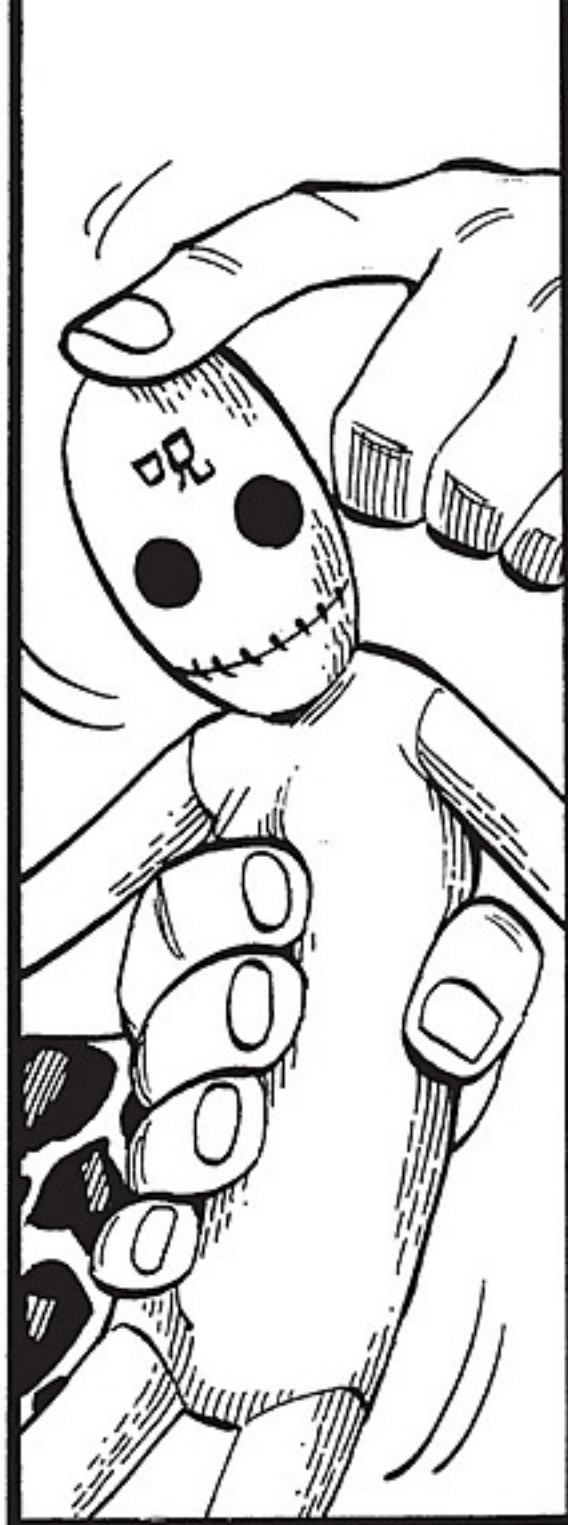
Gray's here...?

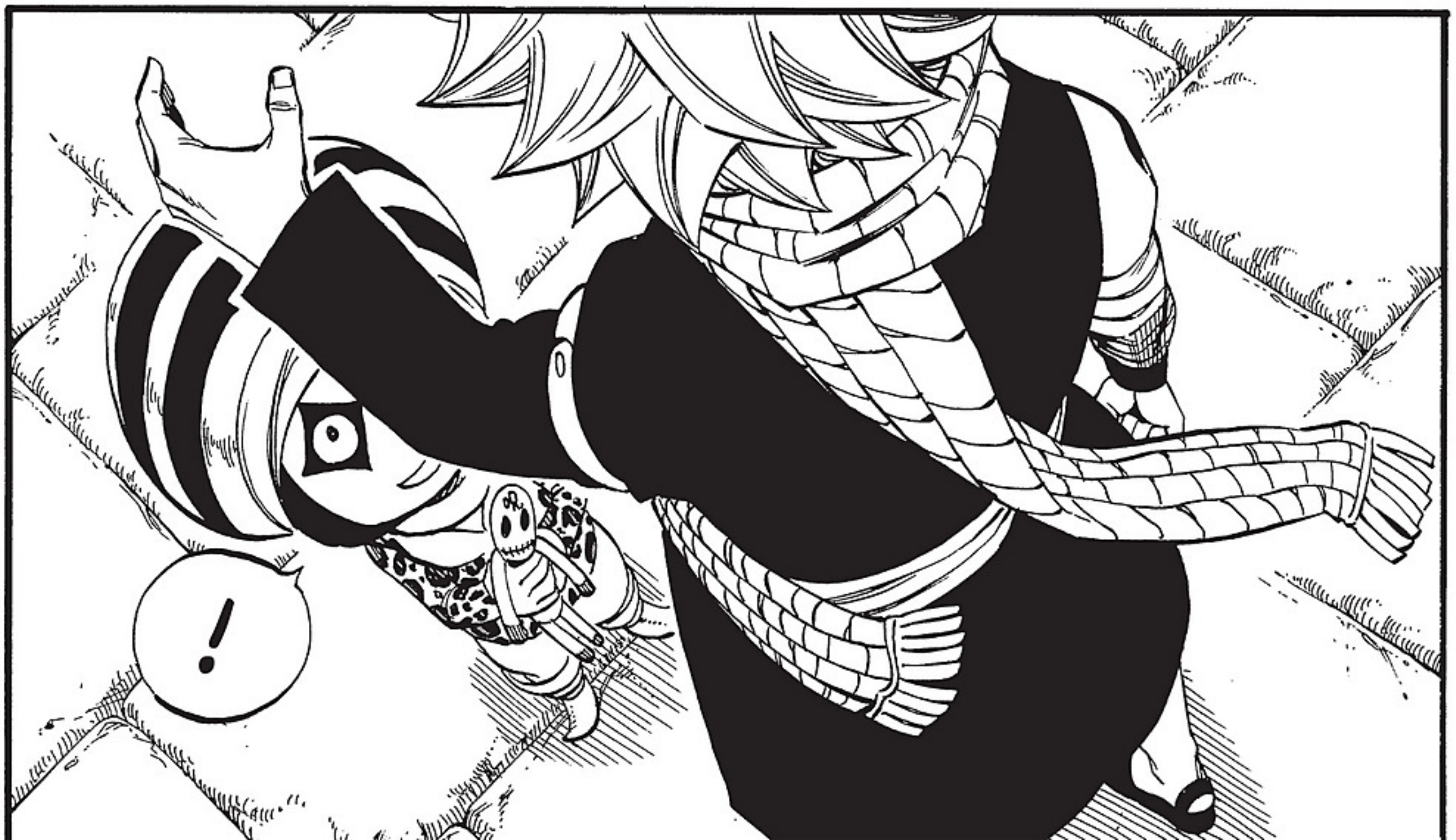
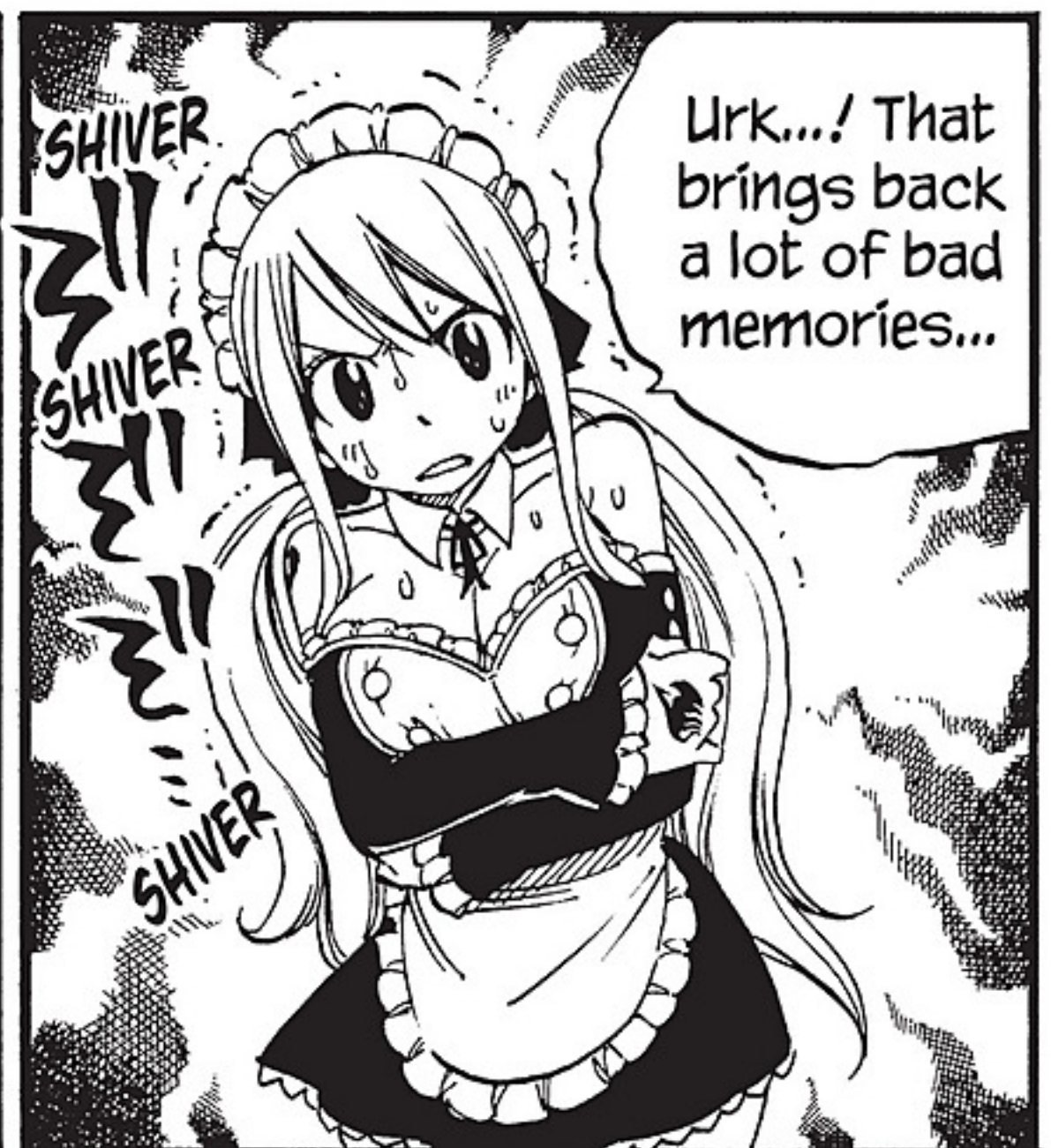
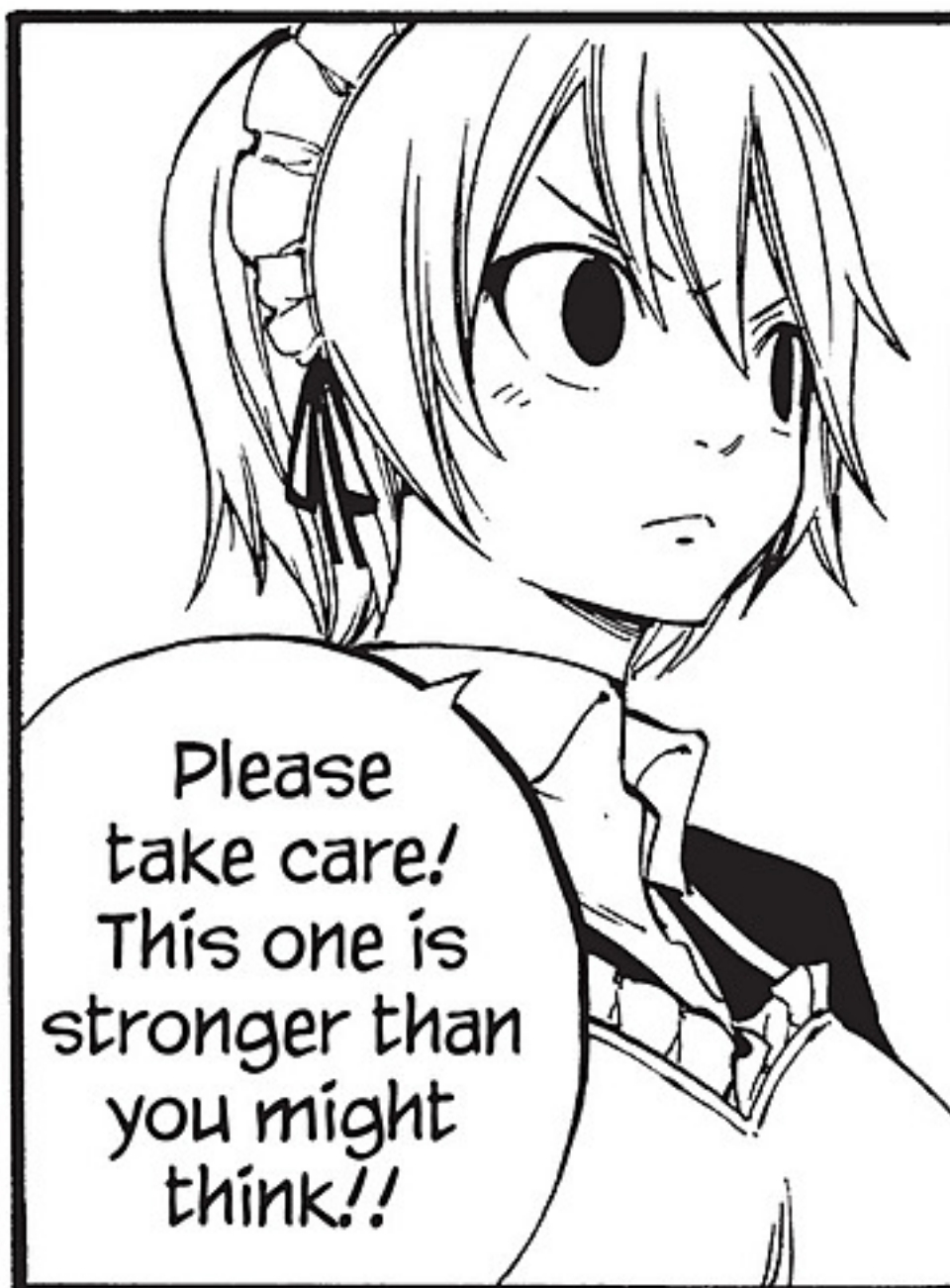
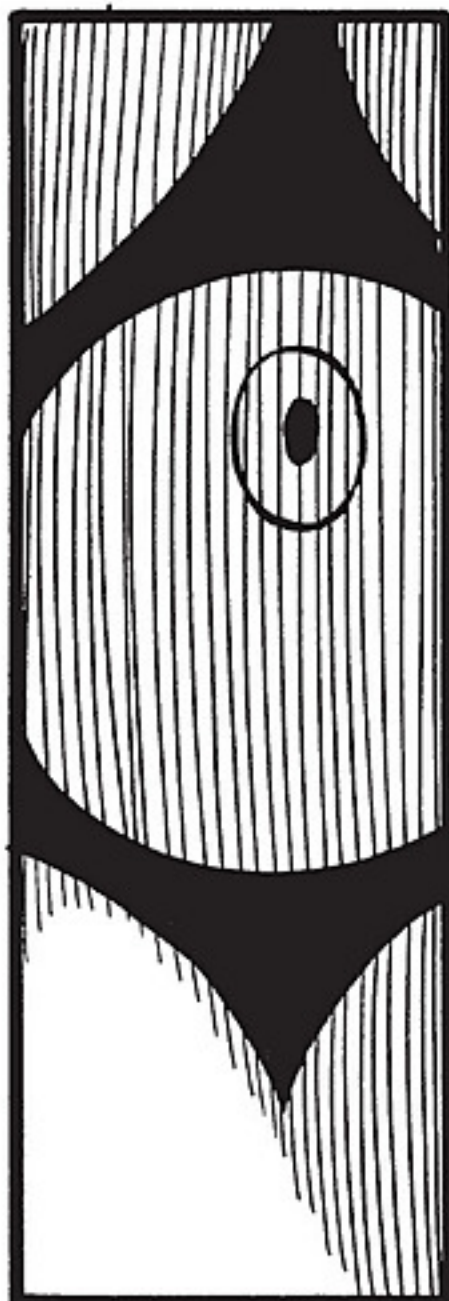
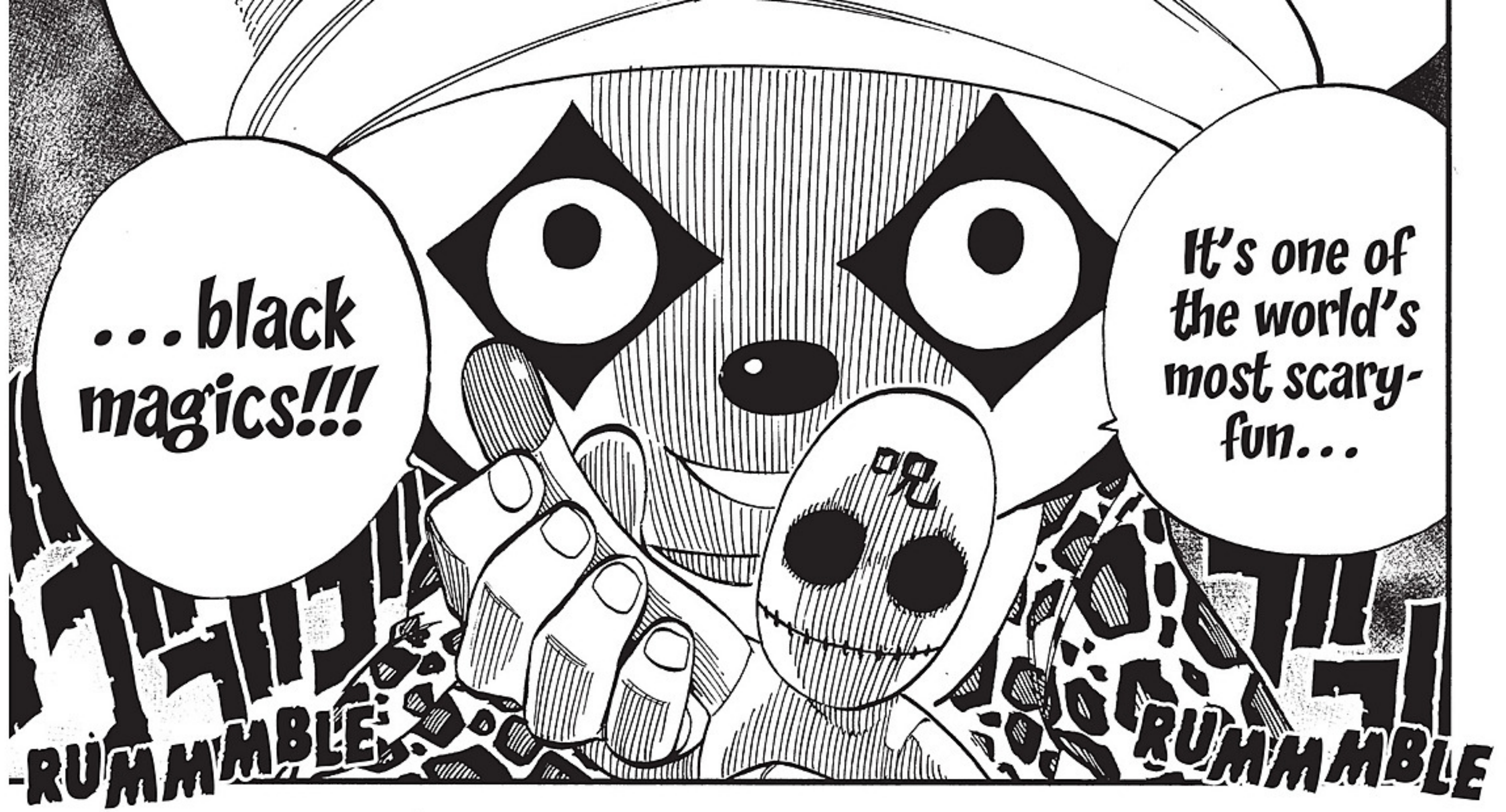


Something fun? Is it fun?

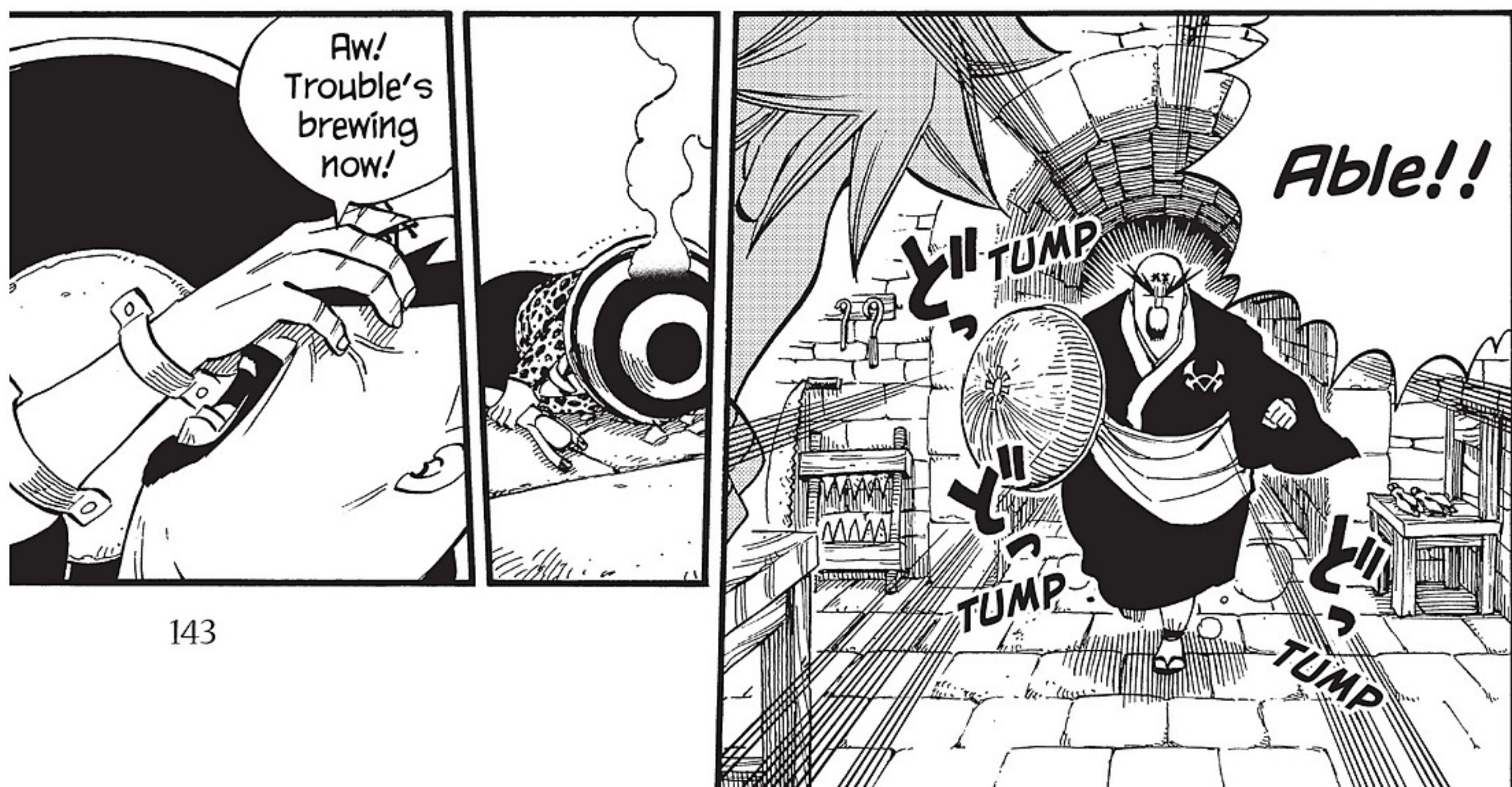
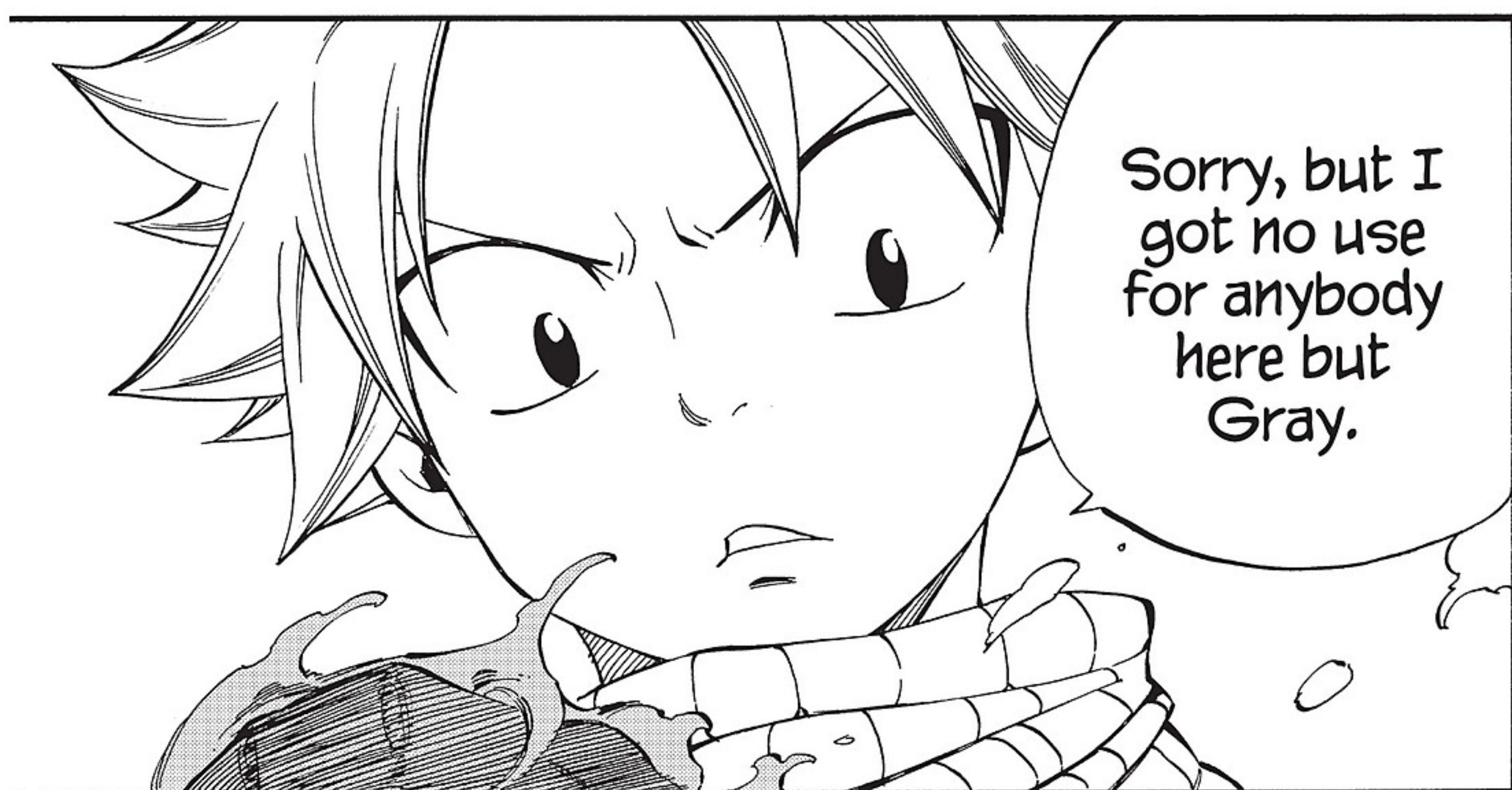
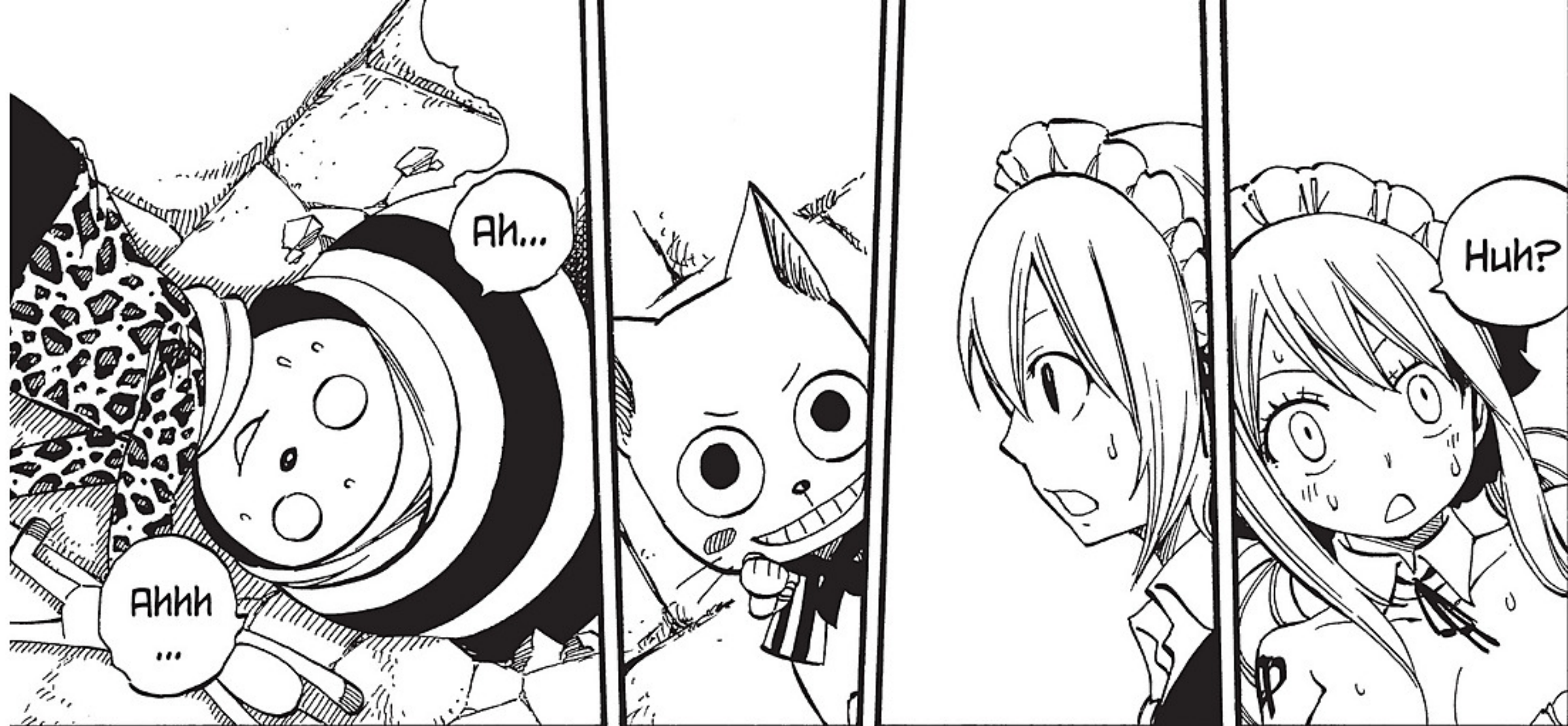
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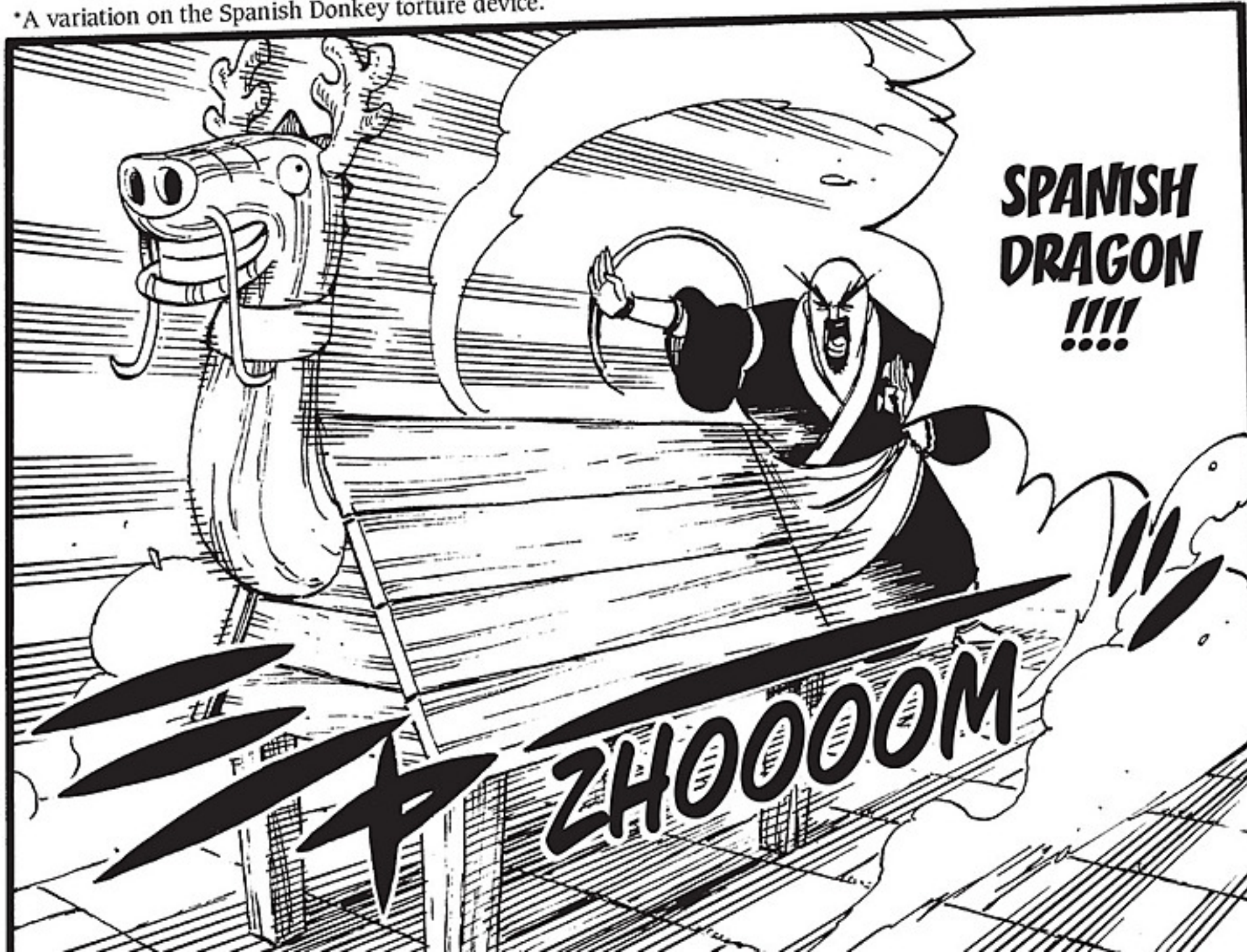


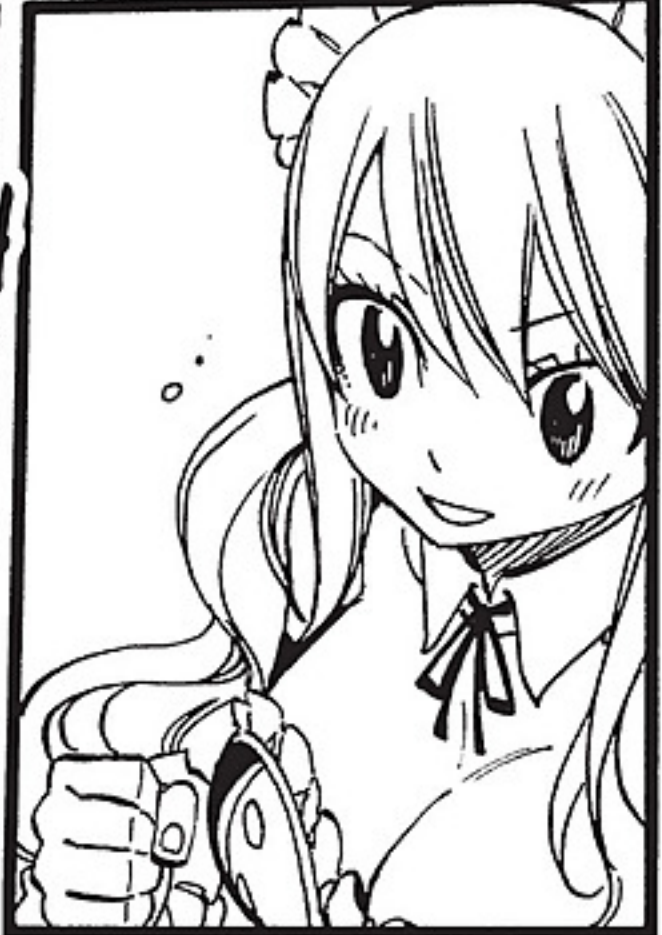
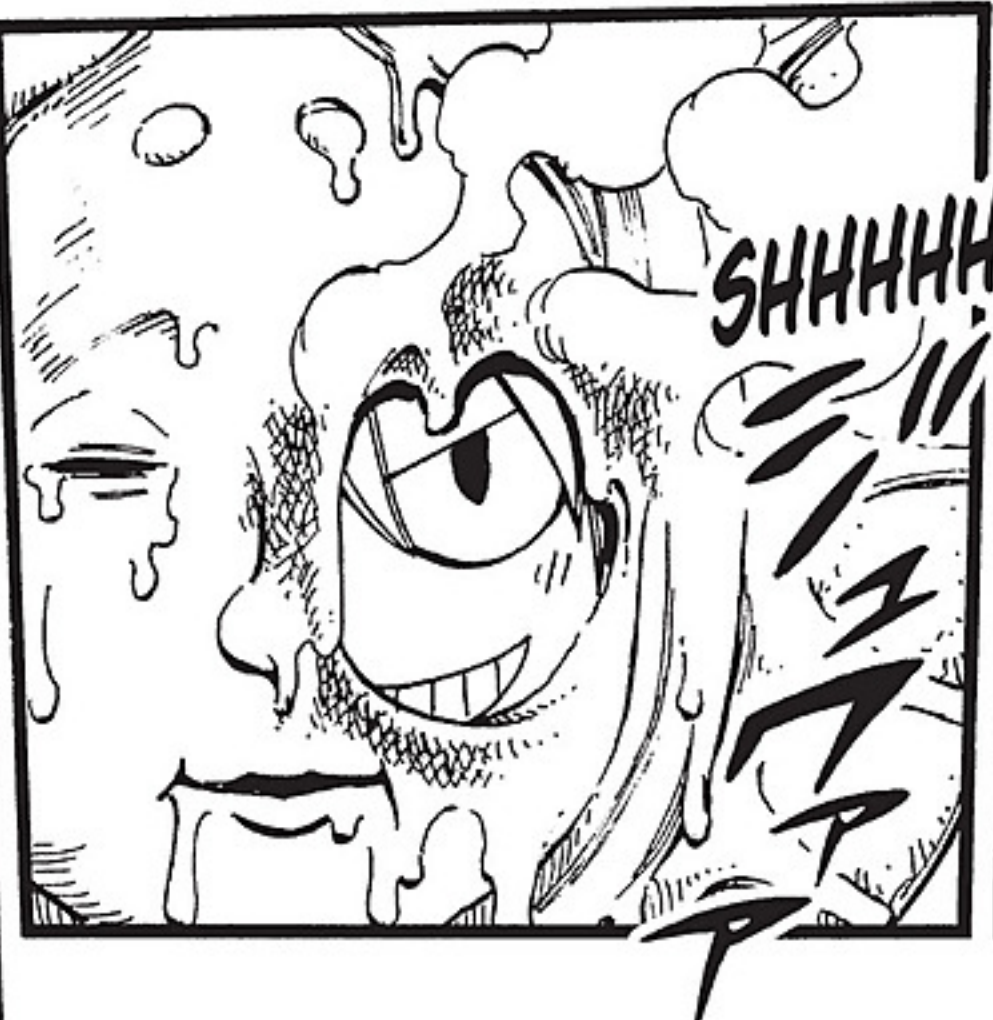
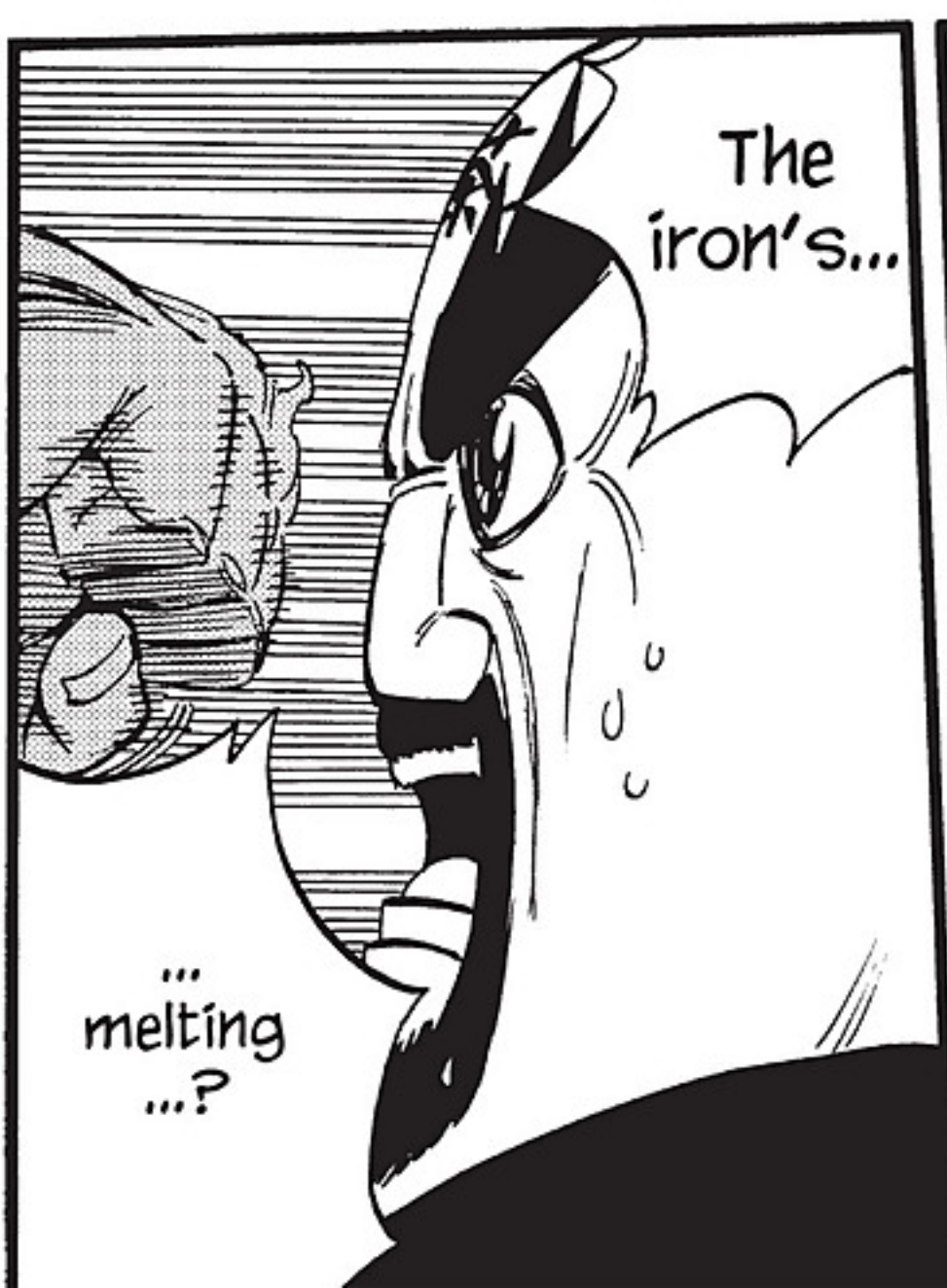
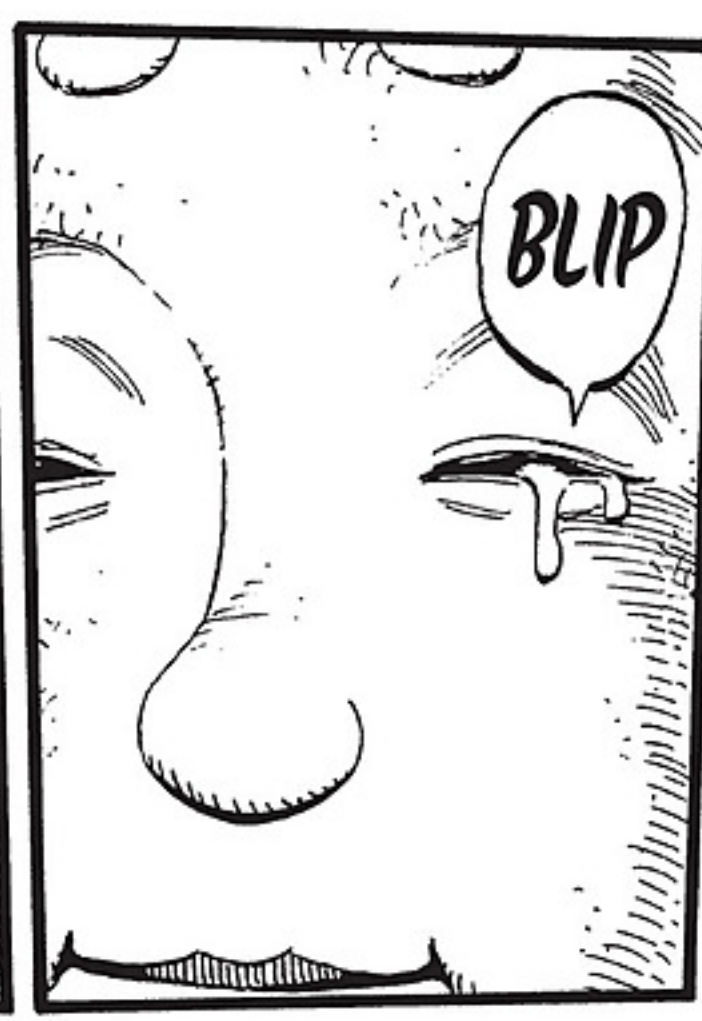
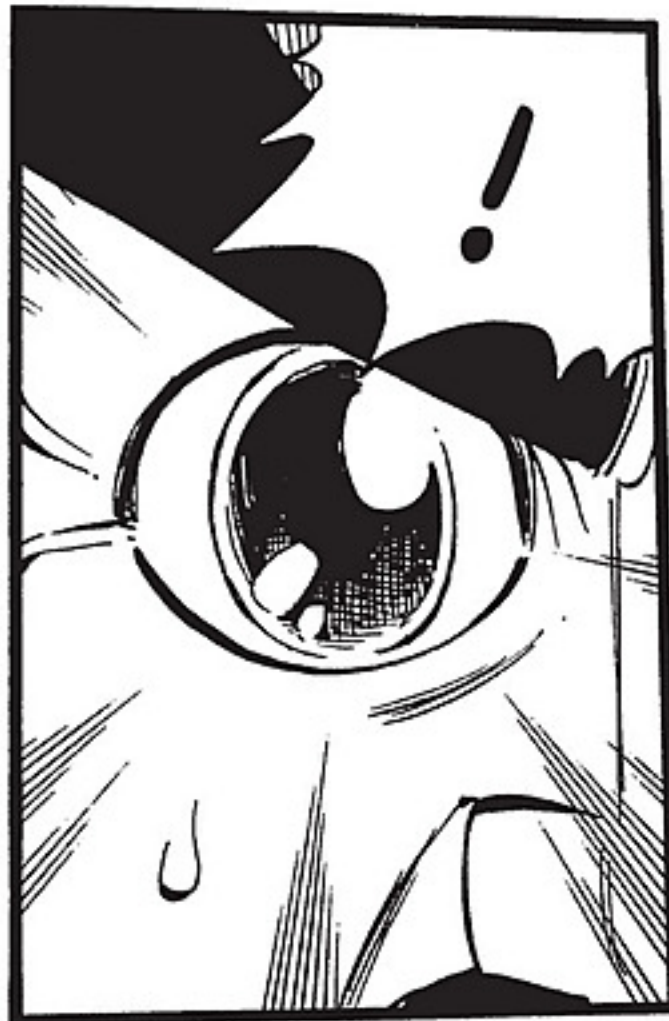
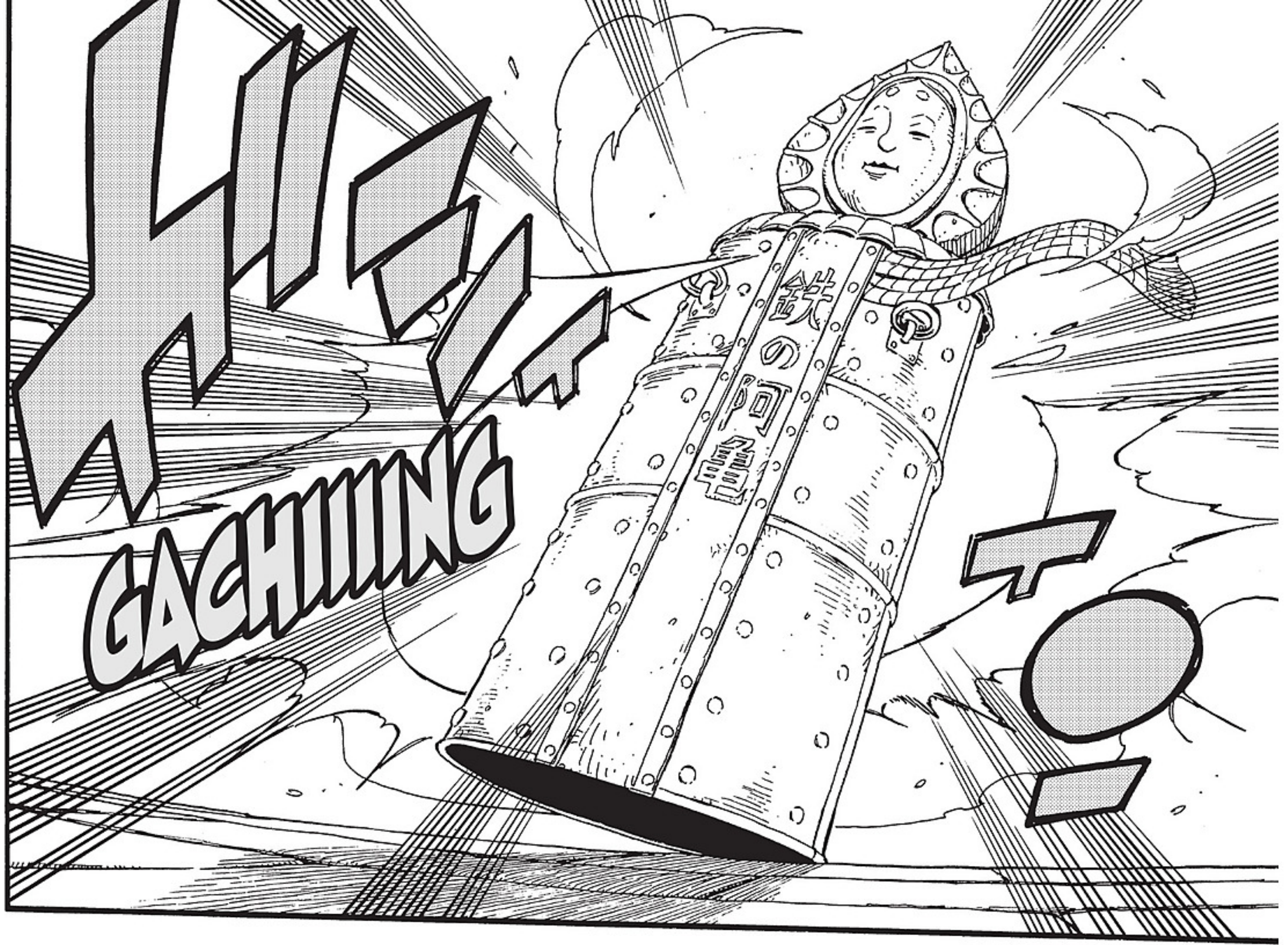


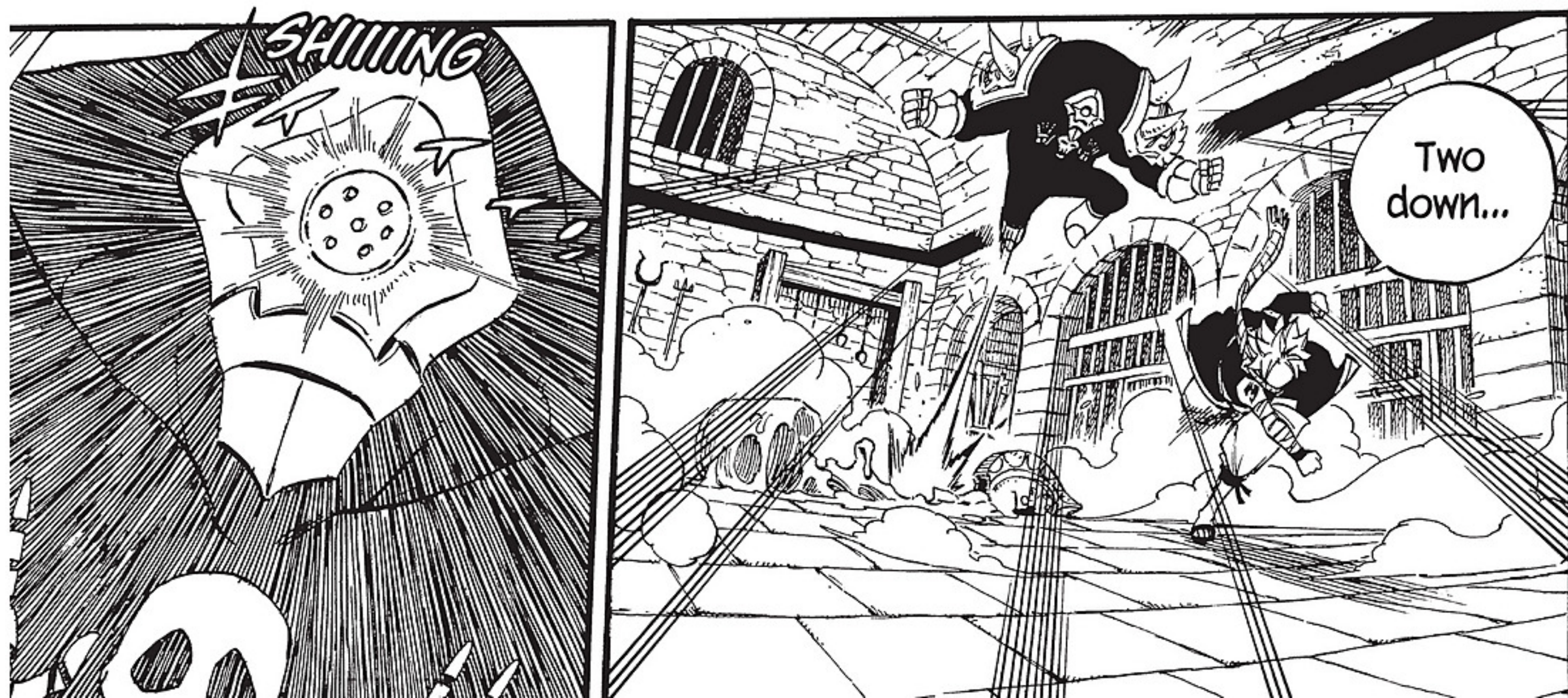
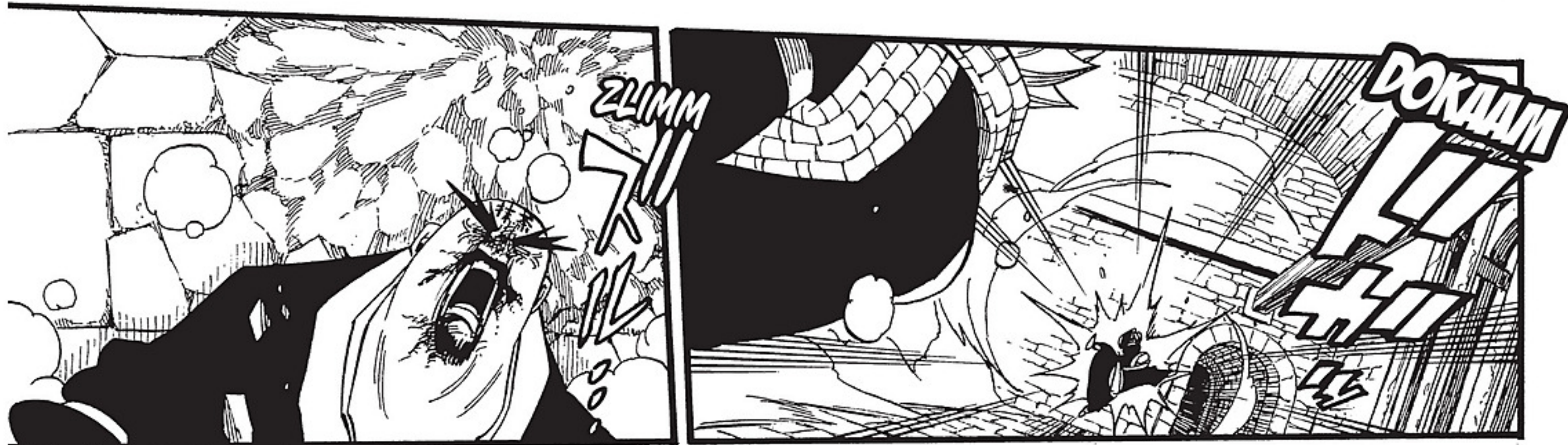
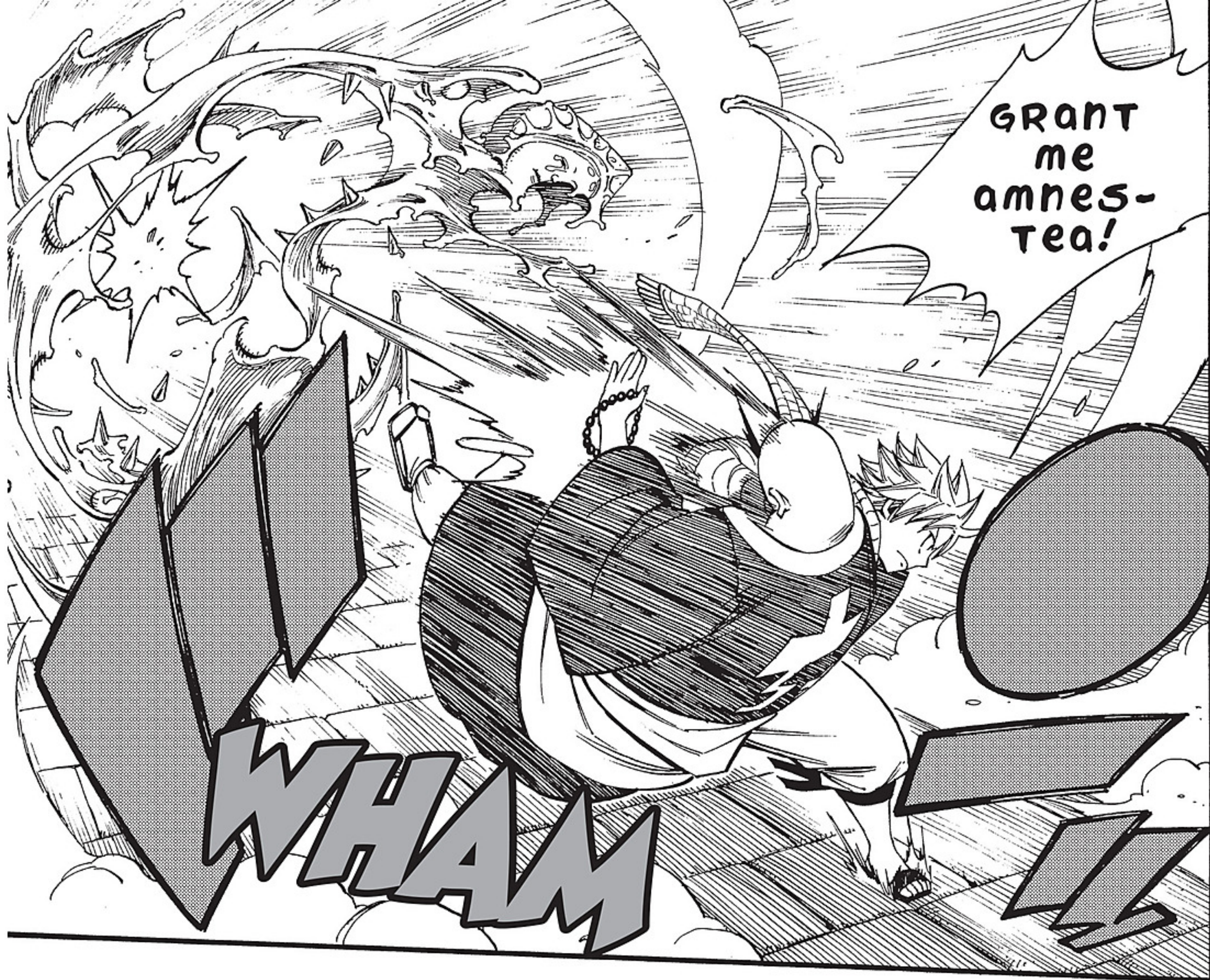
Forehead: Green Tea



*A variation on the Spanish Donkey torture device.

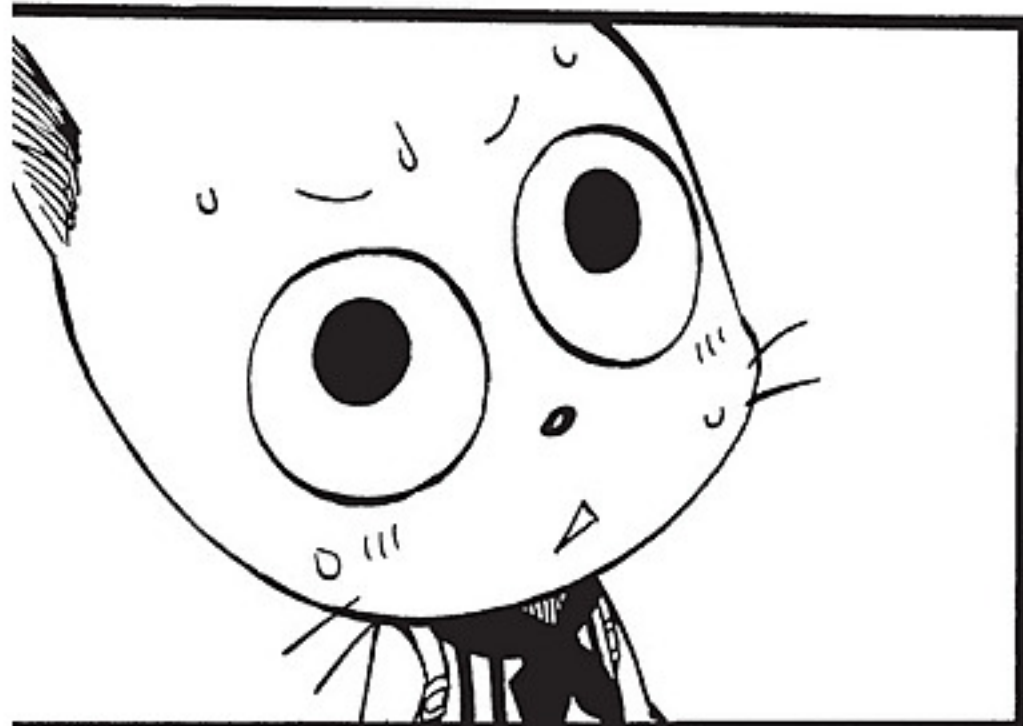
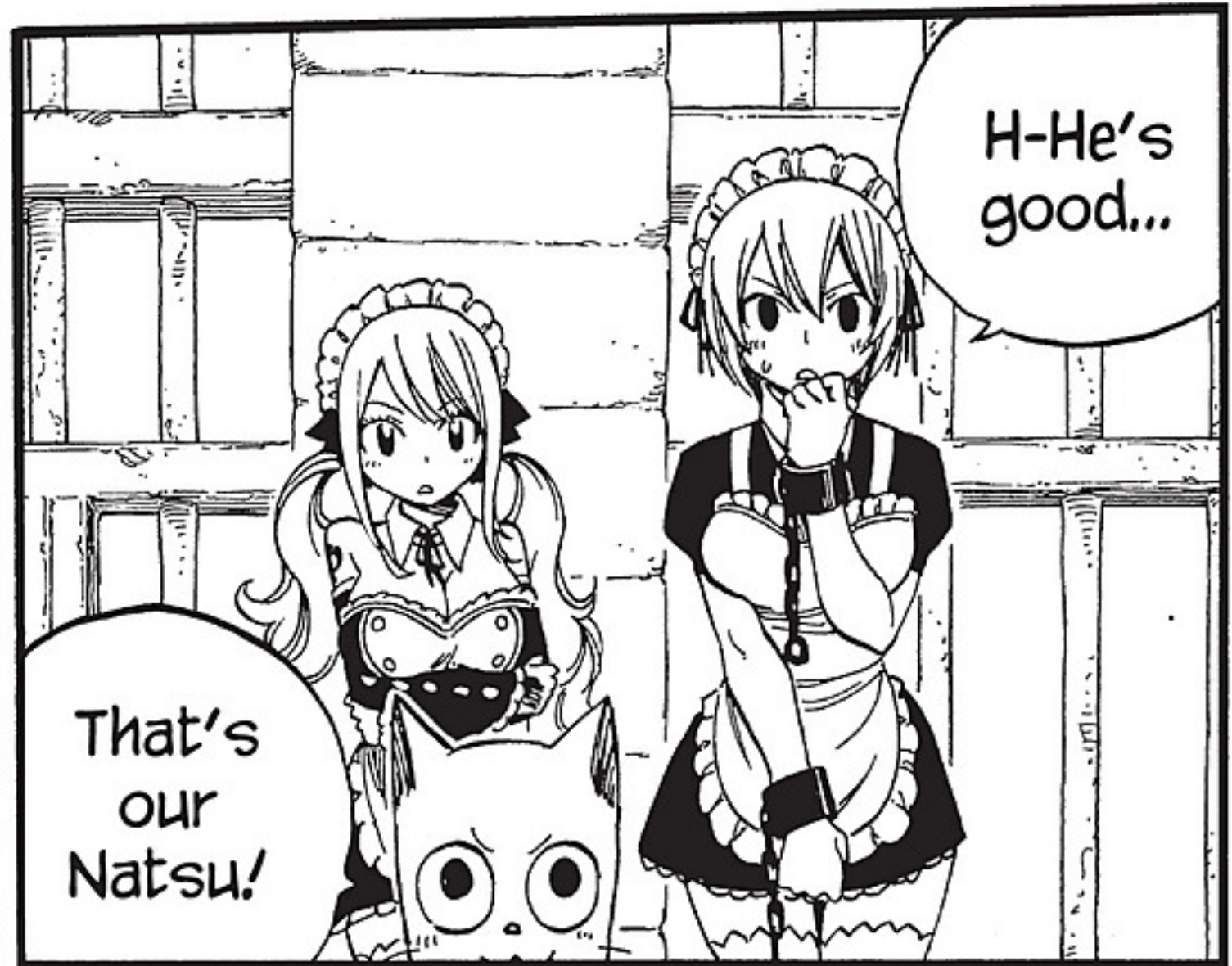
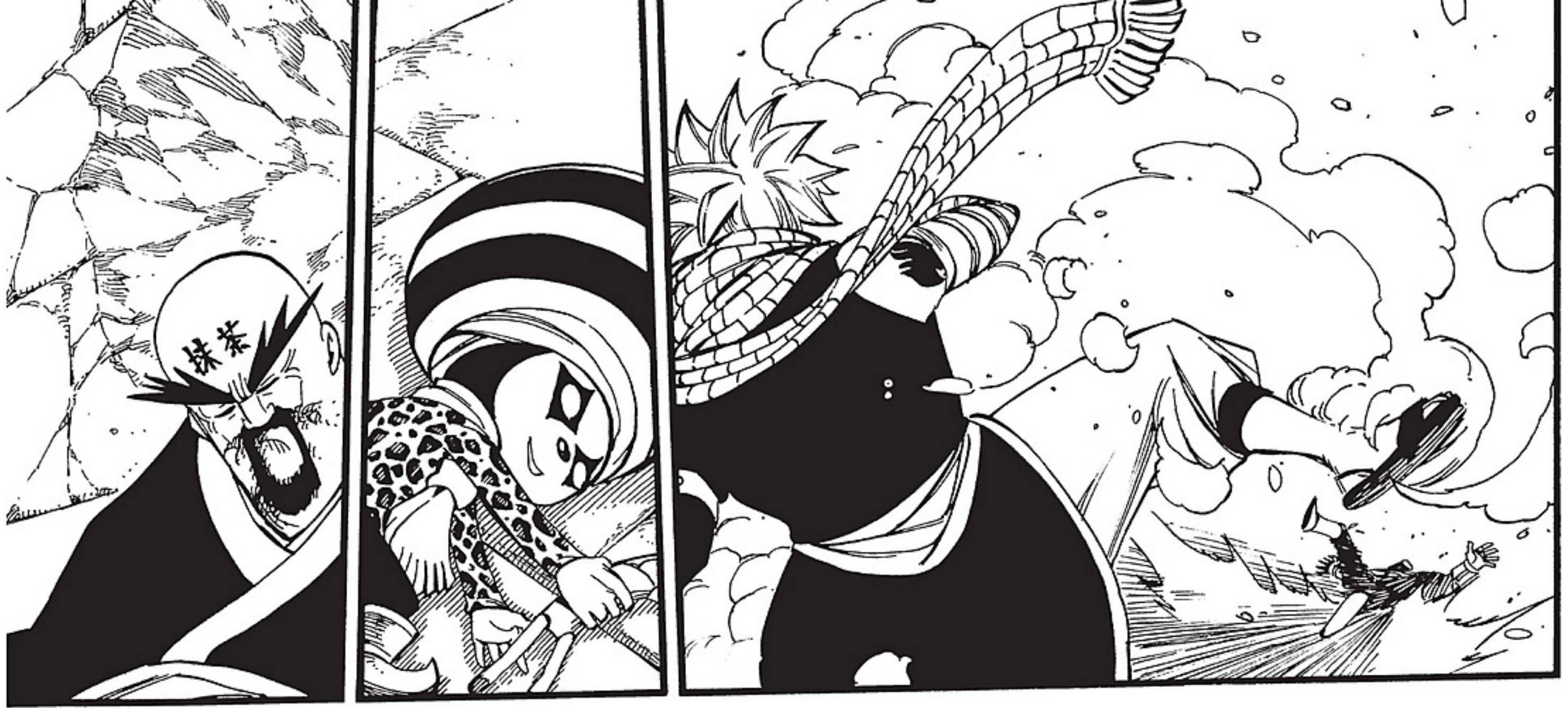


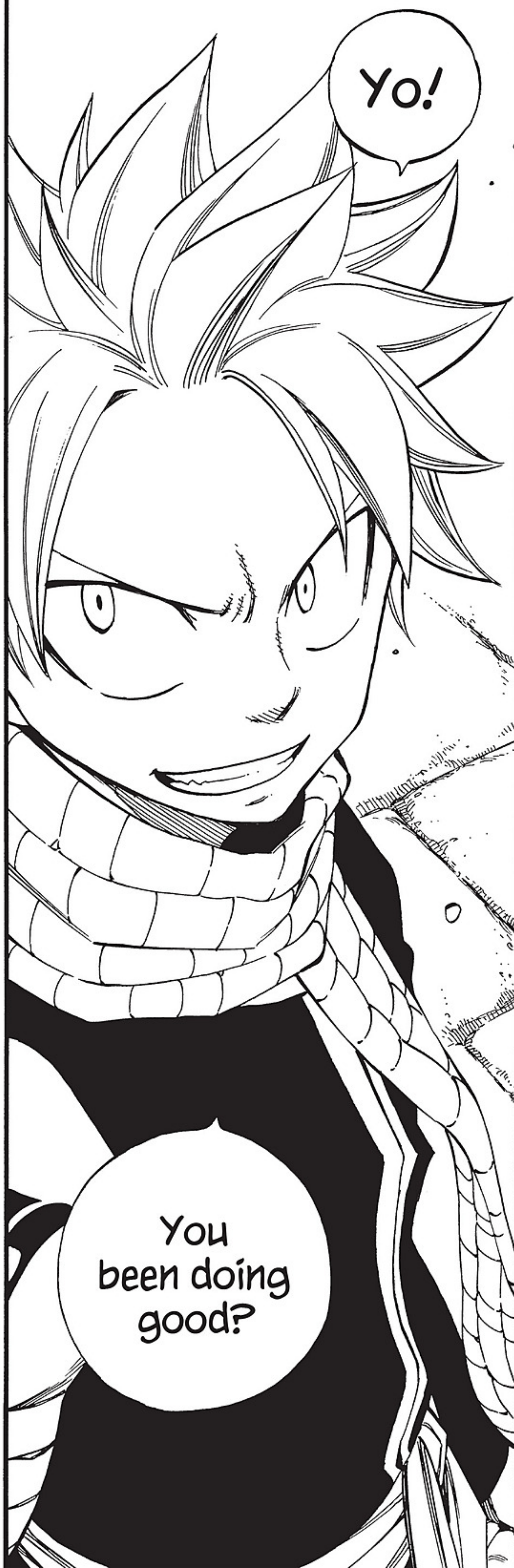




*Make that
three!!*

CRACK!



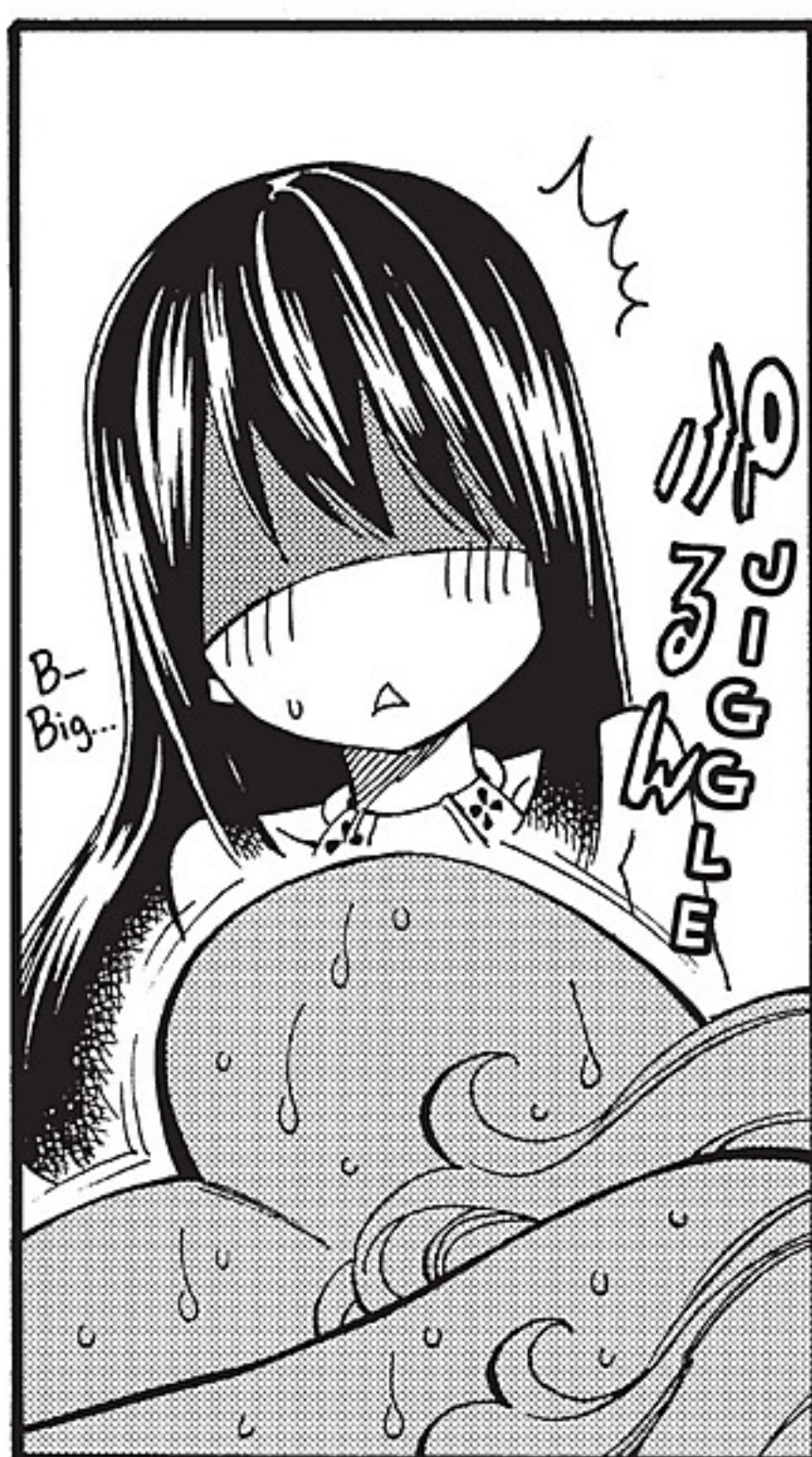


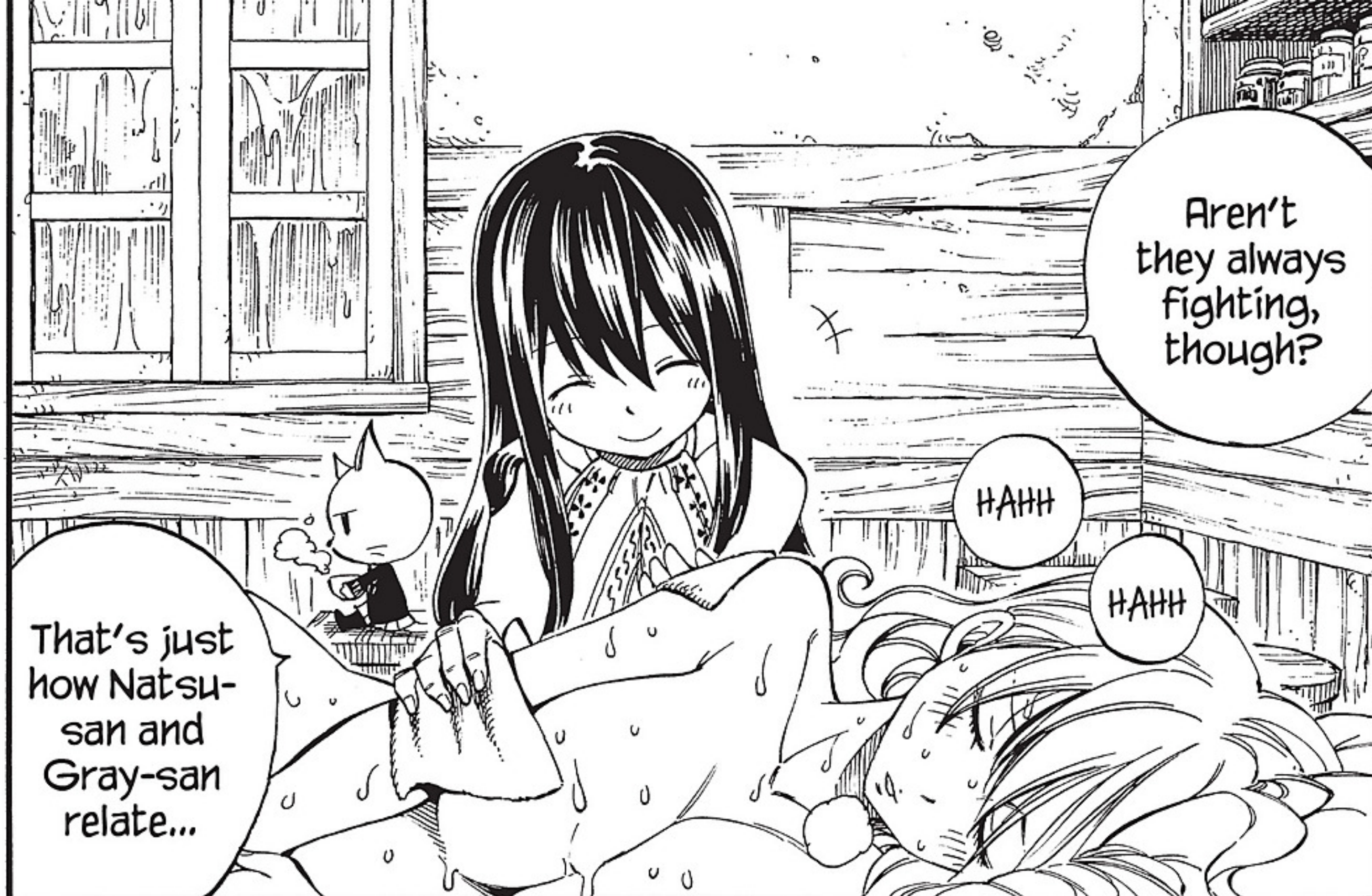
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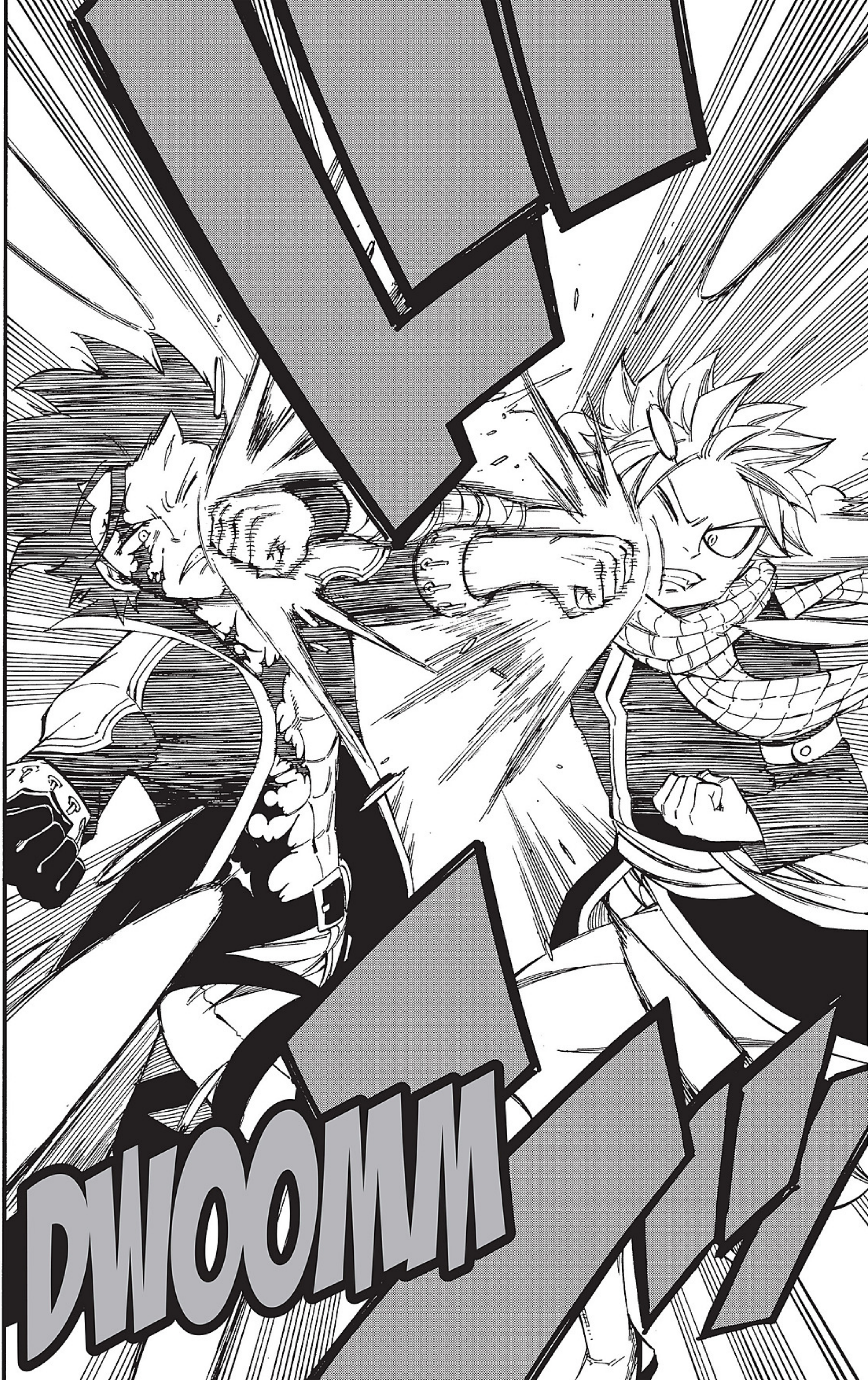
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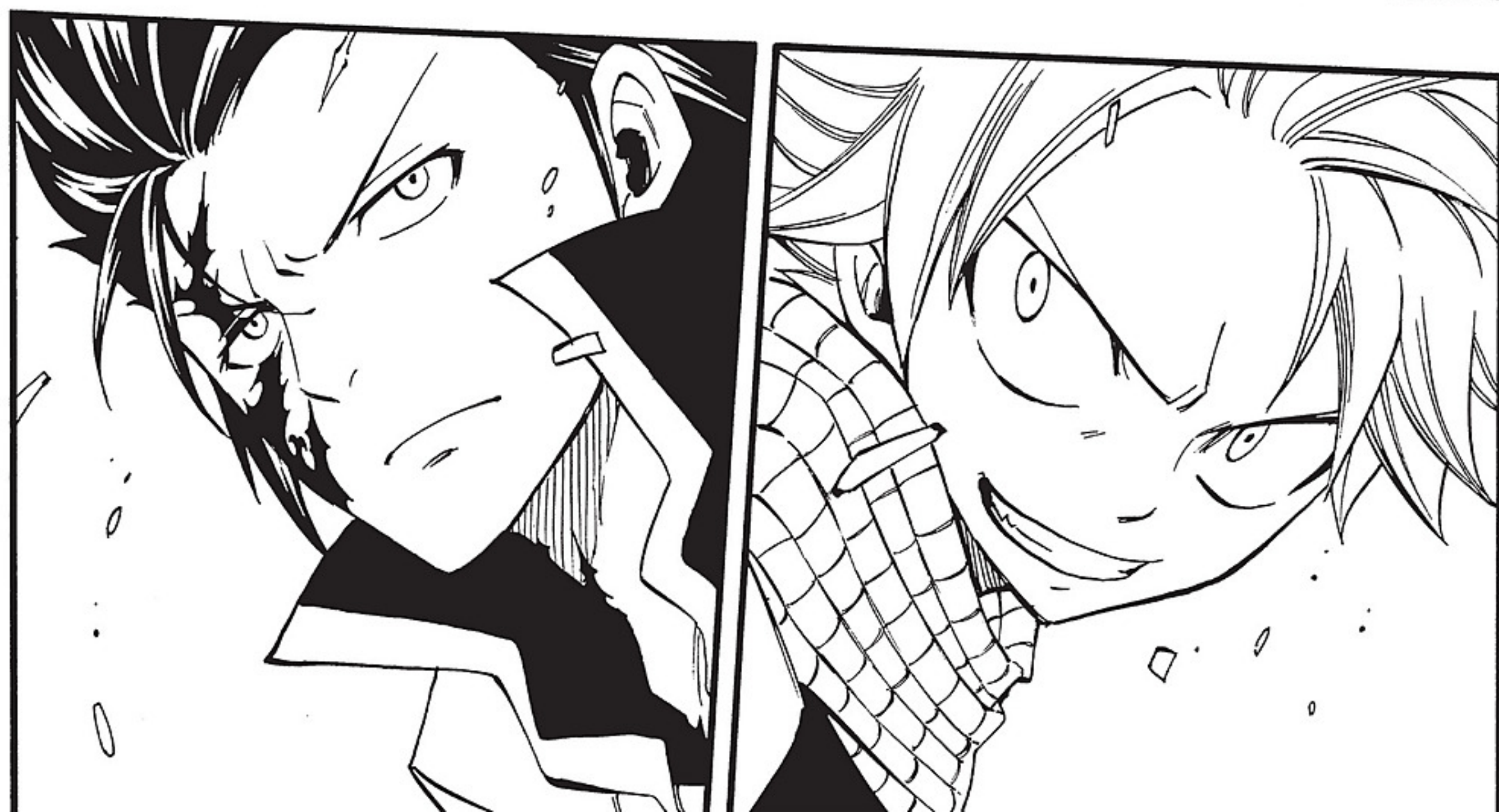
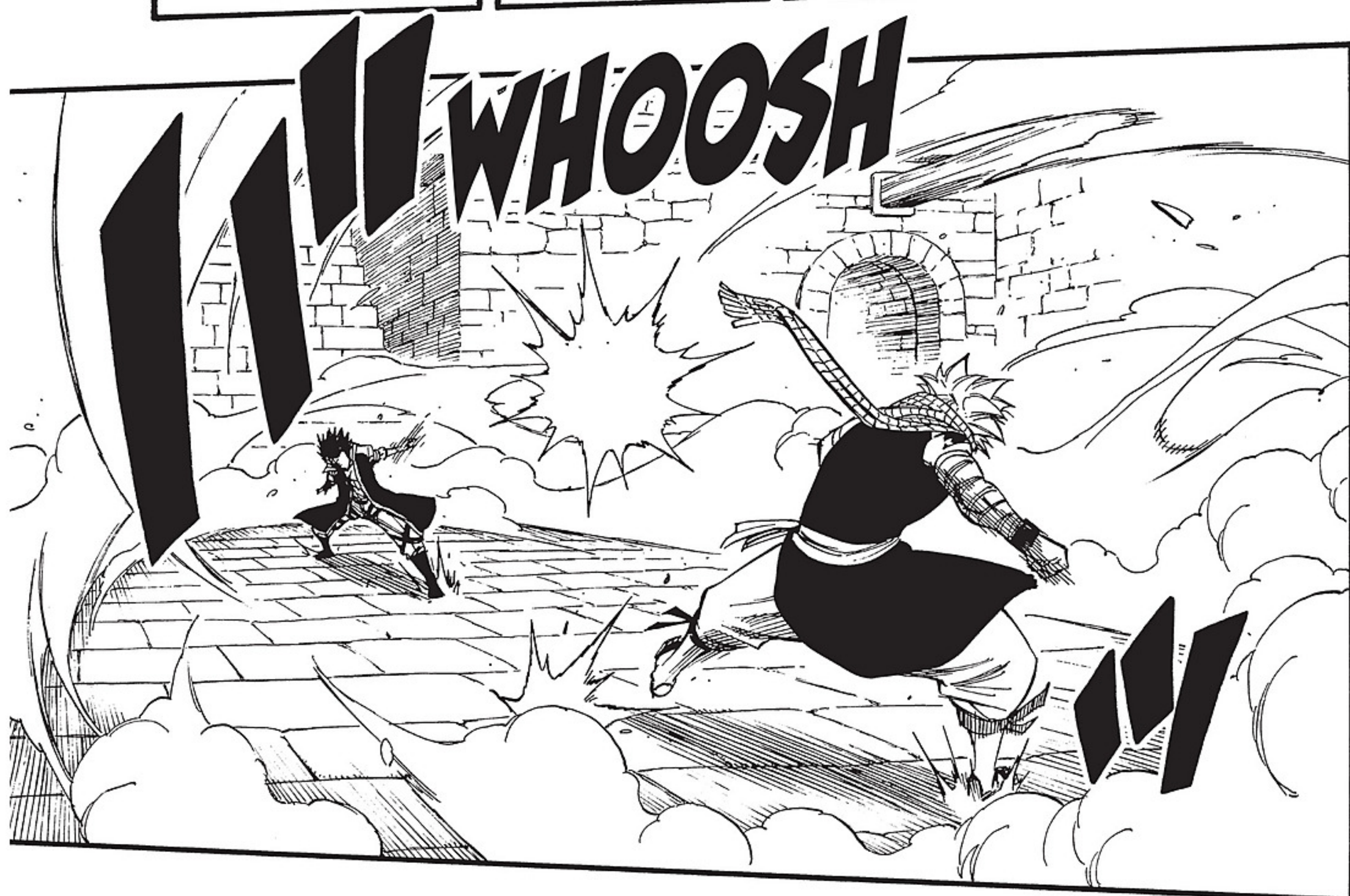
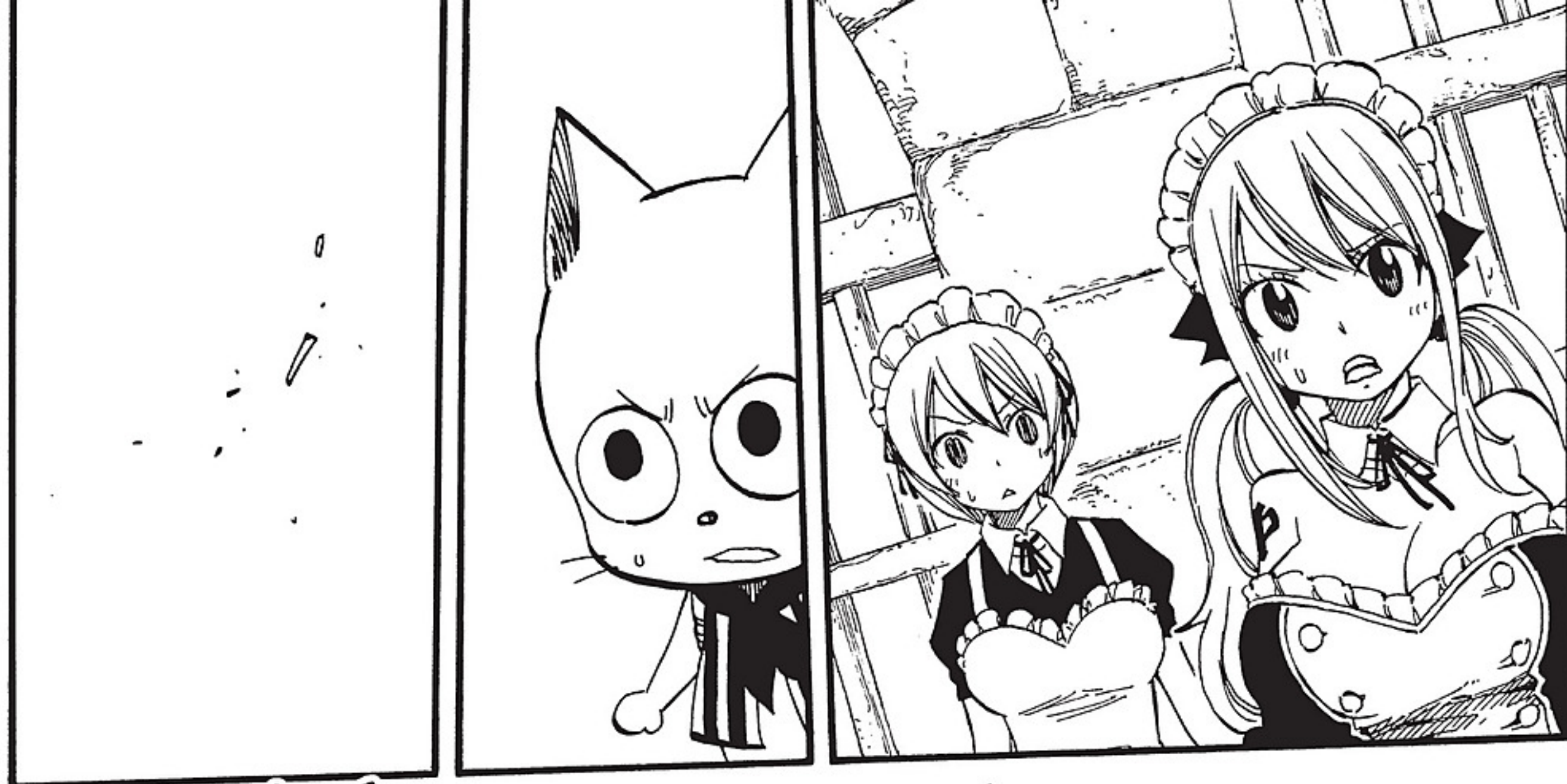
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What did
you come
here for,
anyway?

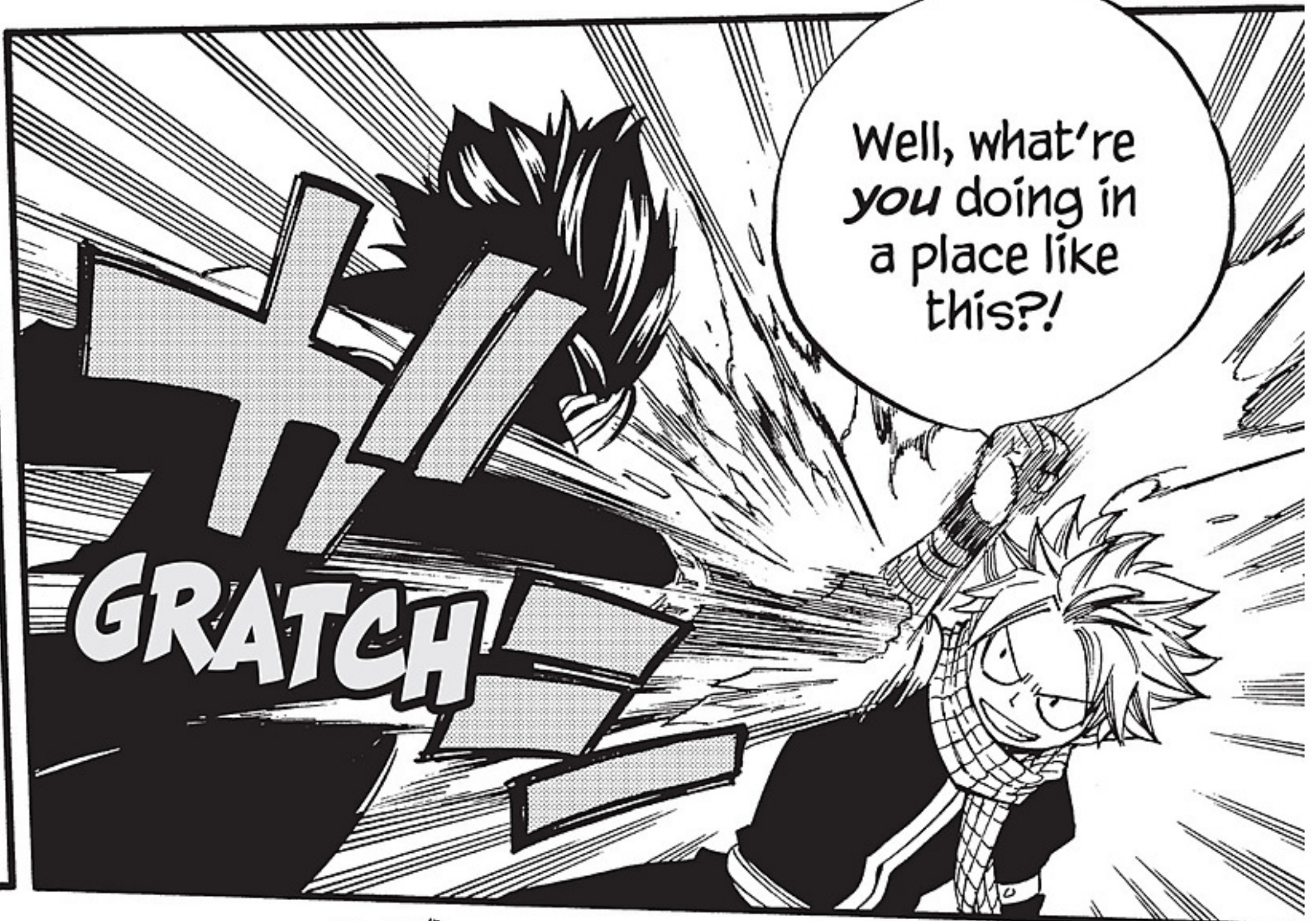


Hey!
Will you two
stop this?!

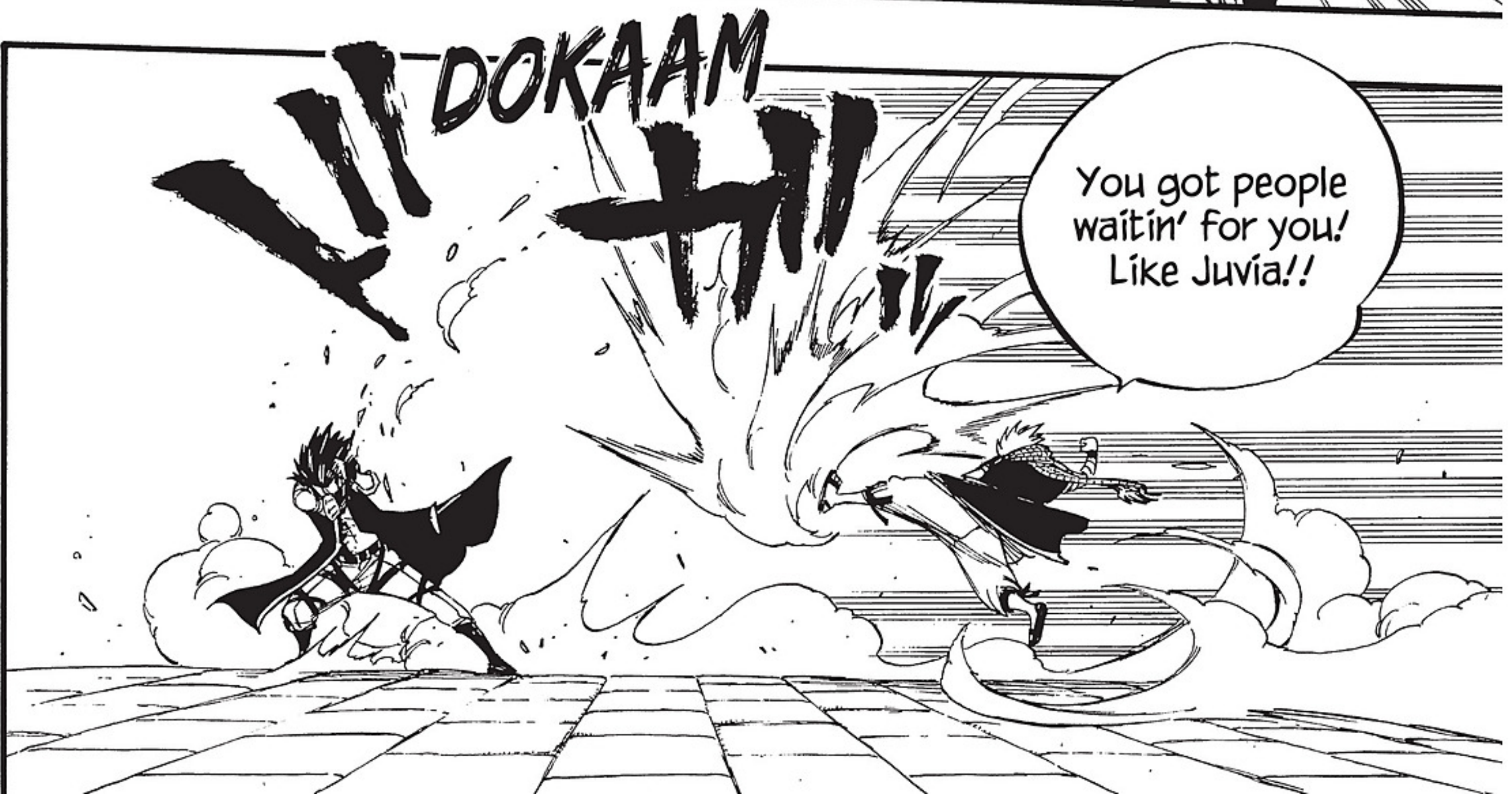


That's my
business.
Not yours!

FOOM

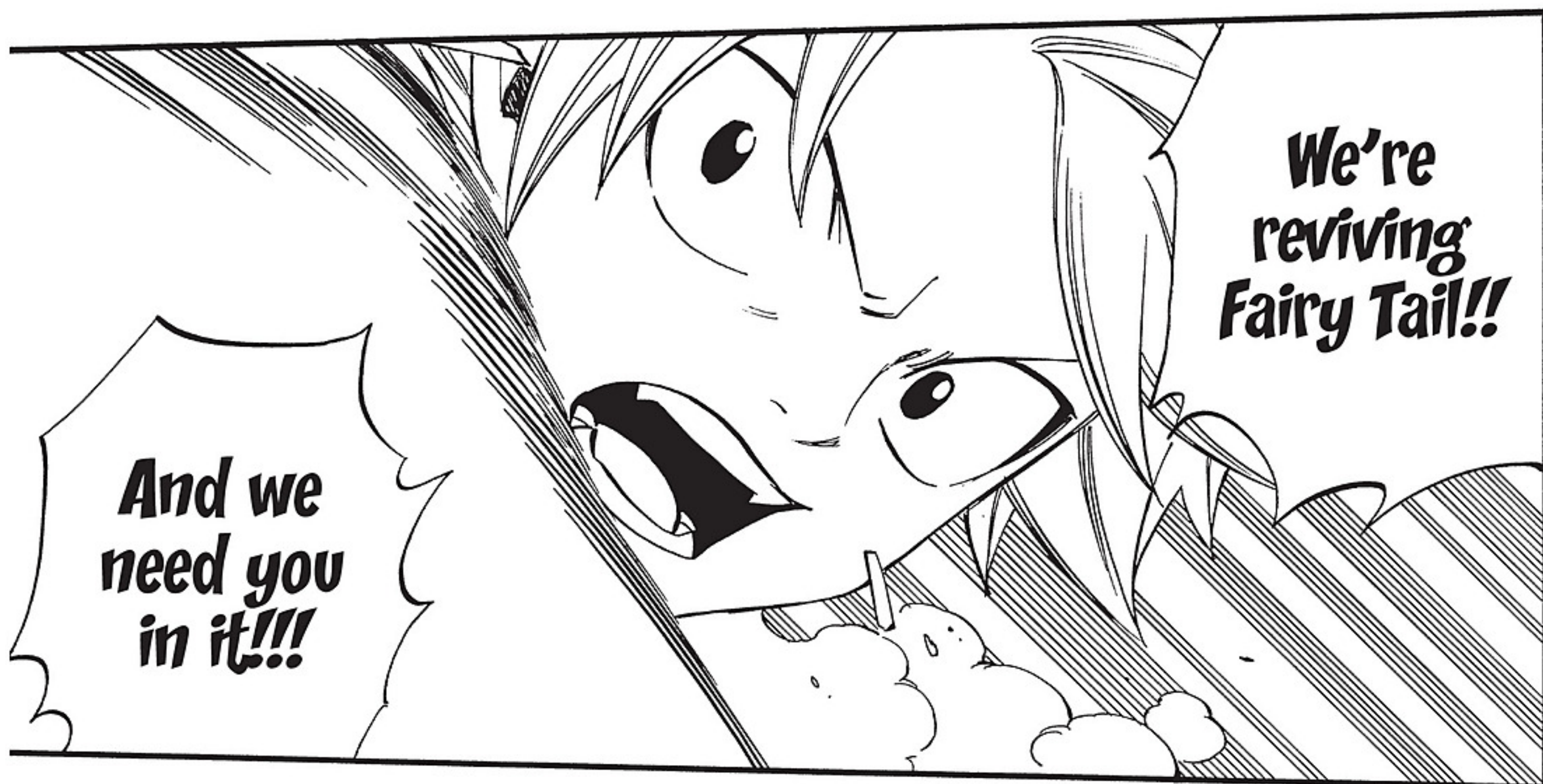


Well, what're
you doing in
a place like
this?!



DOKAAM

You got people
waitin' for you!
Like Juvia!!





**Fairy Tail
doesn't exist
anymore!!**



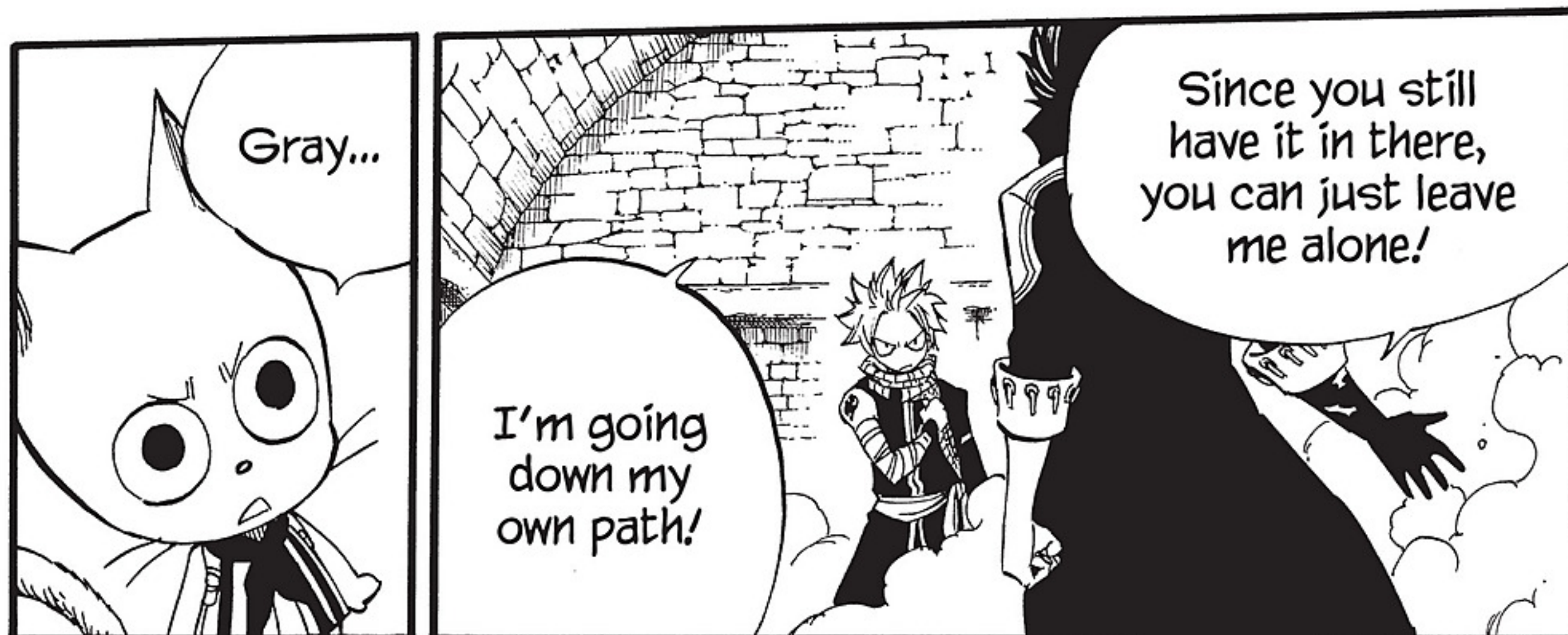
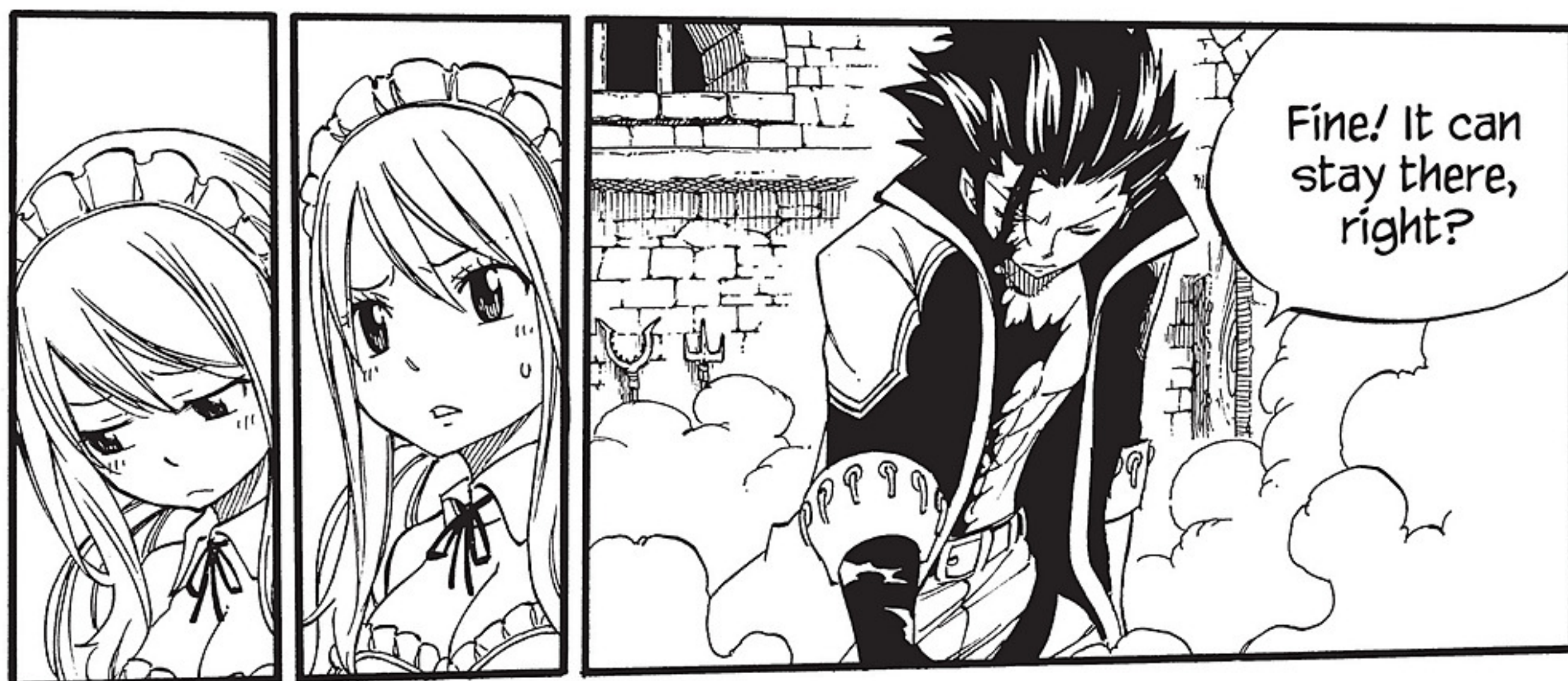
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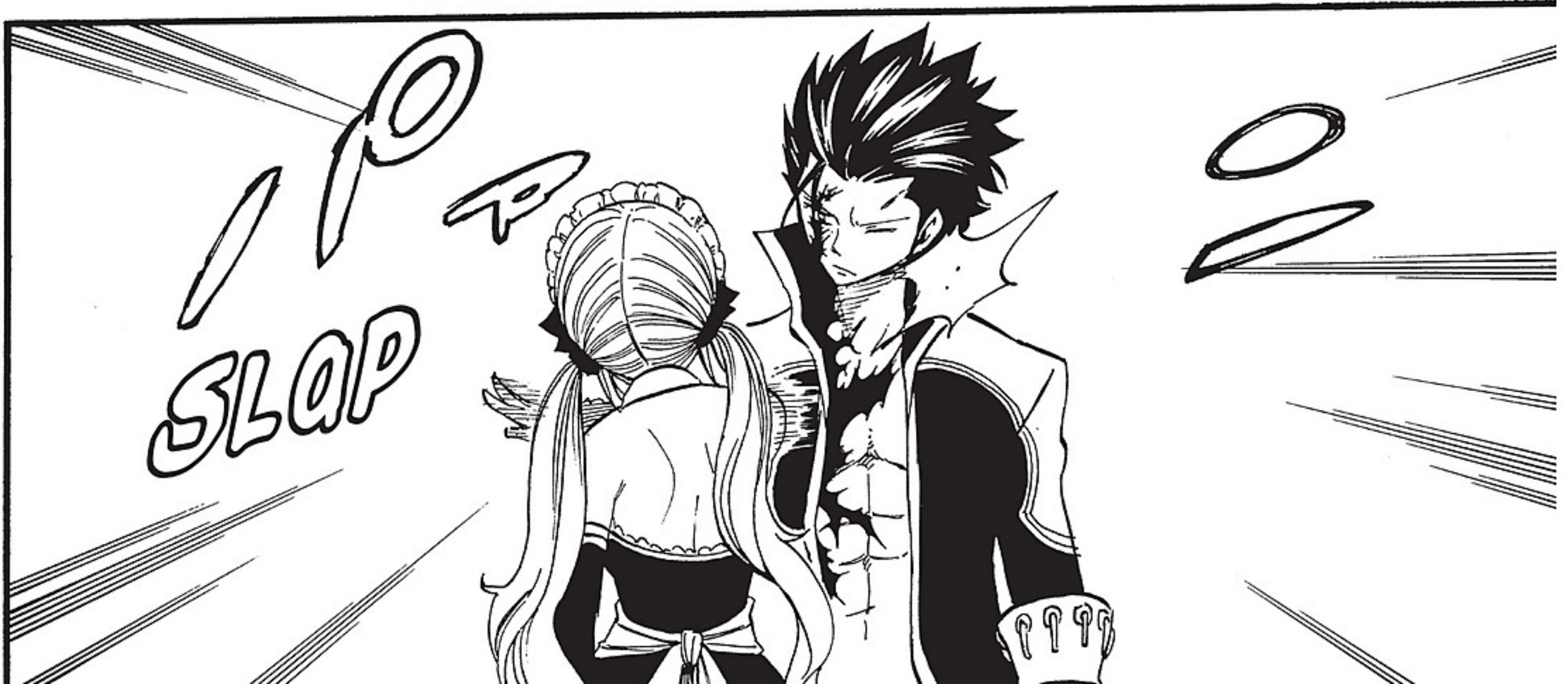
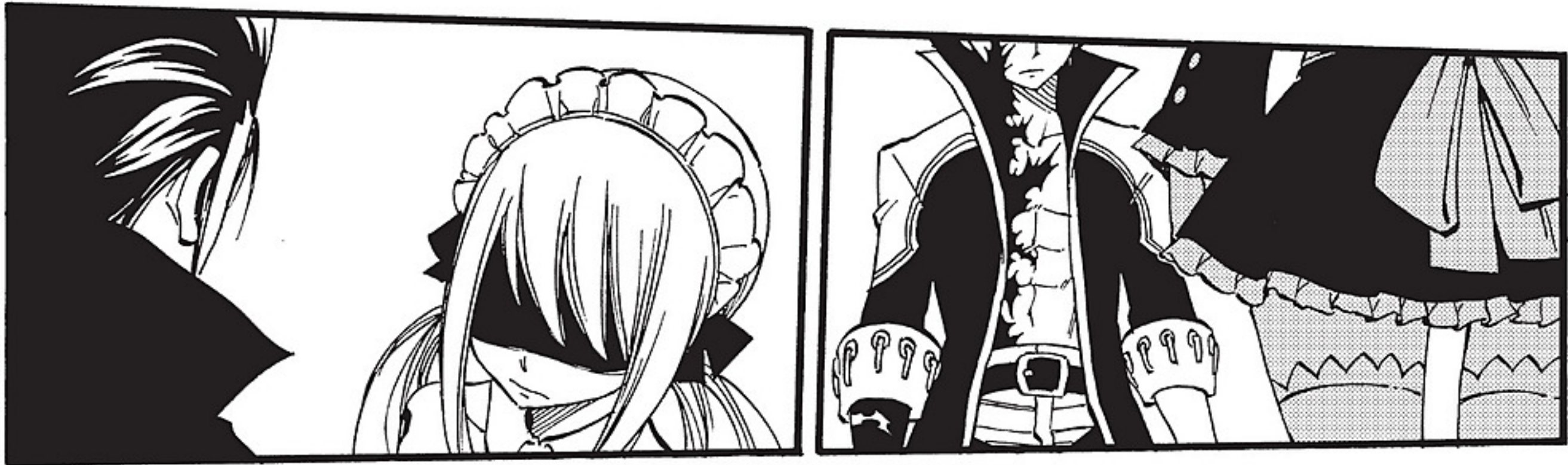
...and all the
bonds we
made!!



The spirit
ain't gone!

GWOOGGH







We *are*
friends!! We'll
always be
friends!!

Pretending
?!

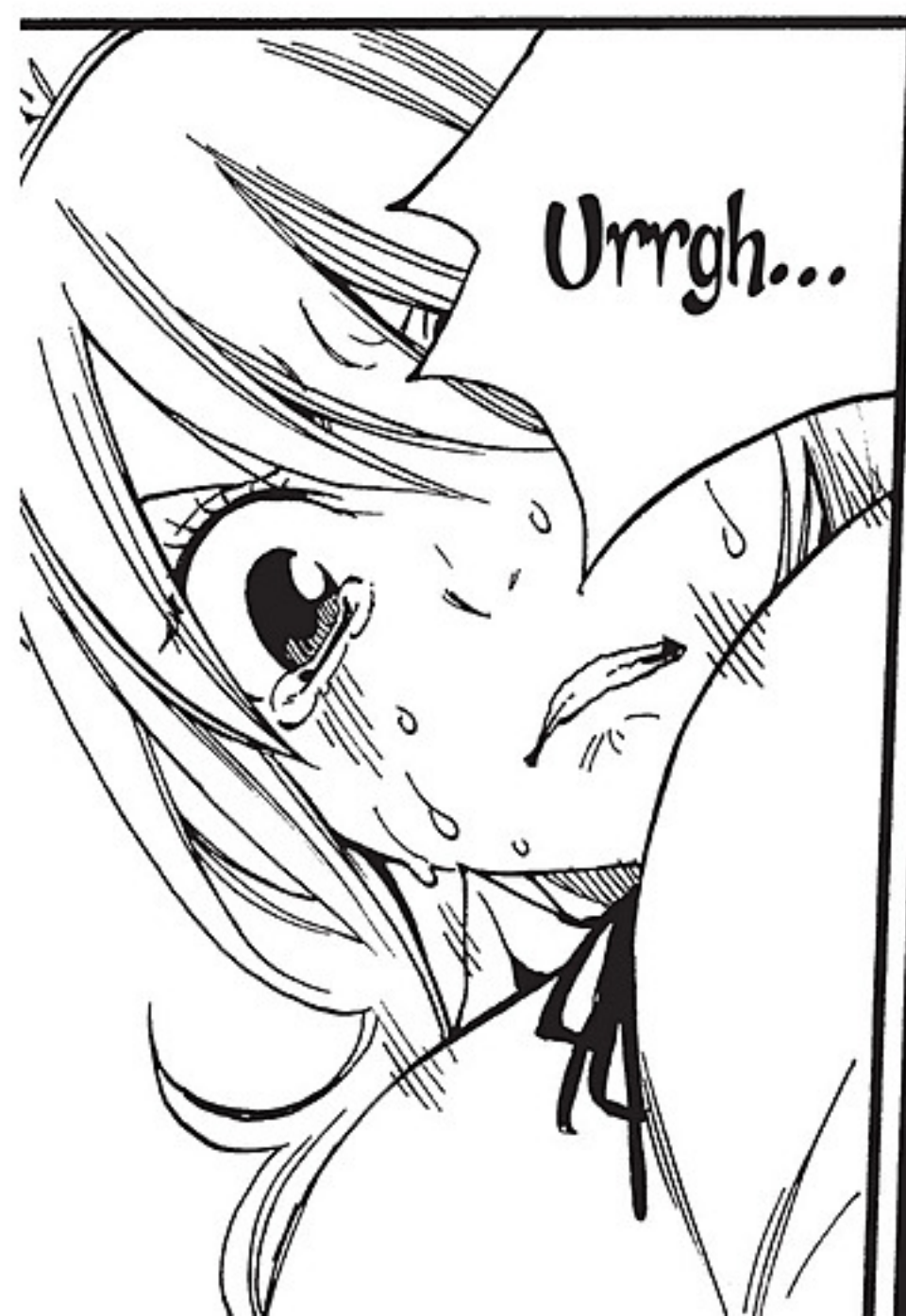


I don't
want to
hear you
talk like
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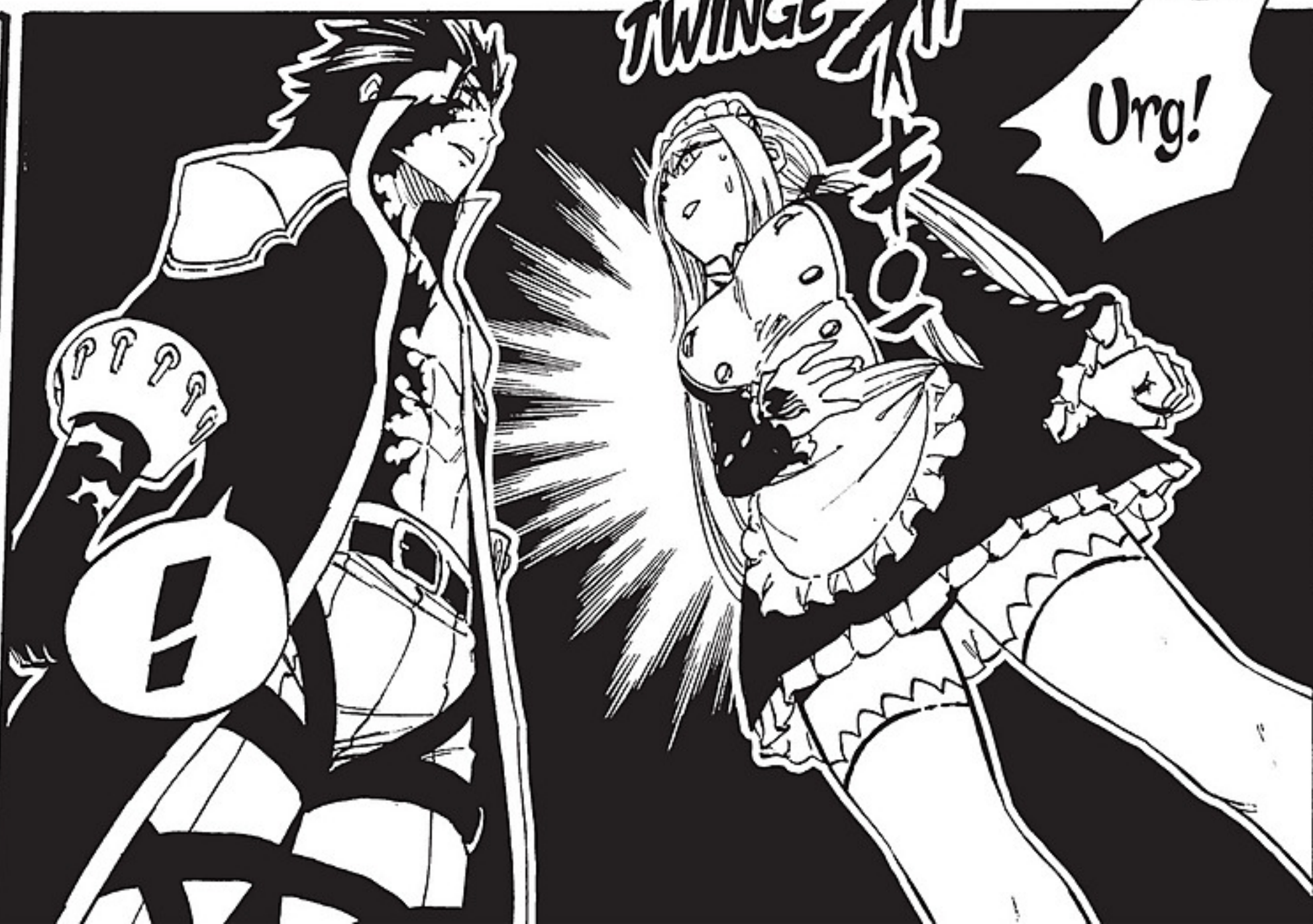
We just
came to...



Why do
you have
to say
such awful
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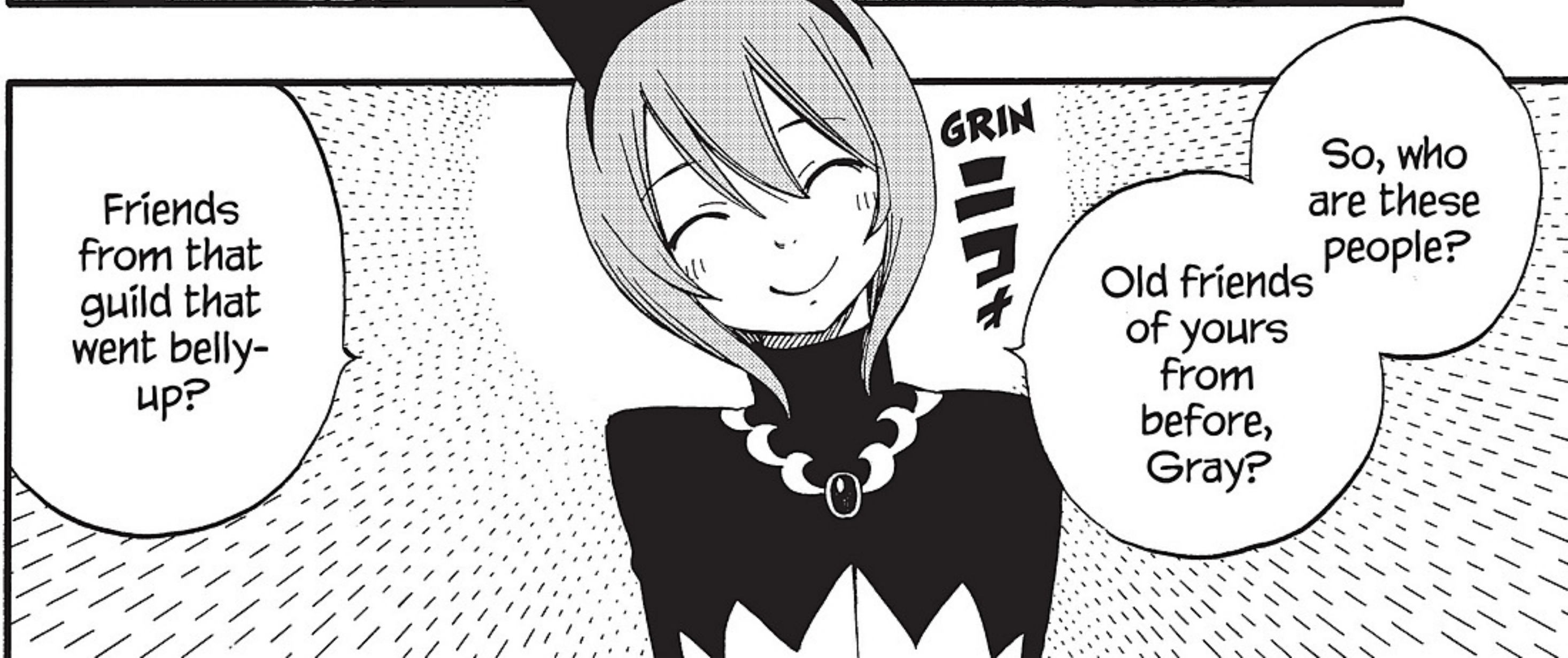


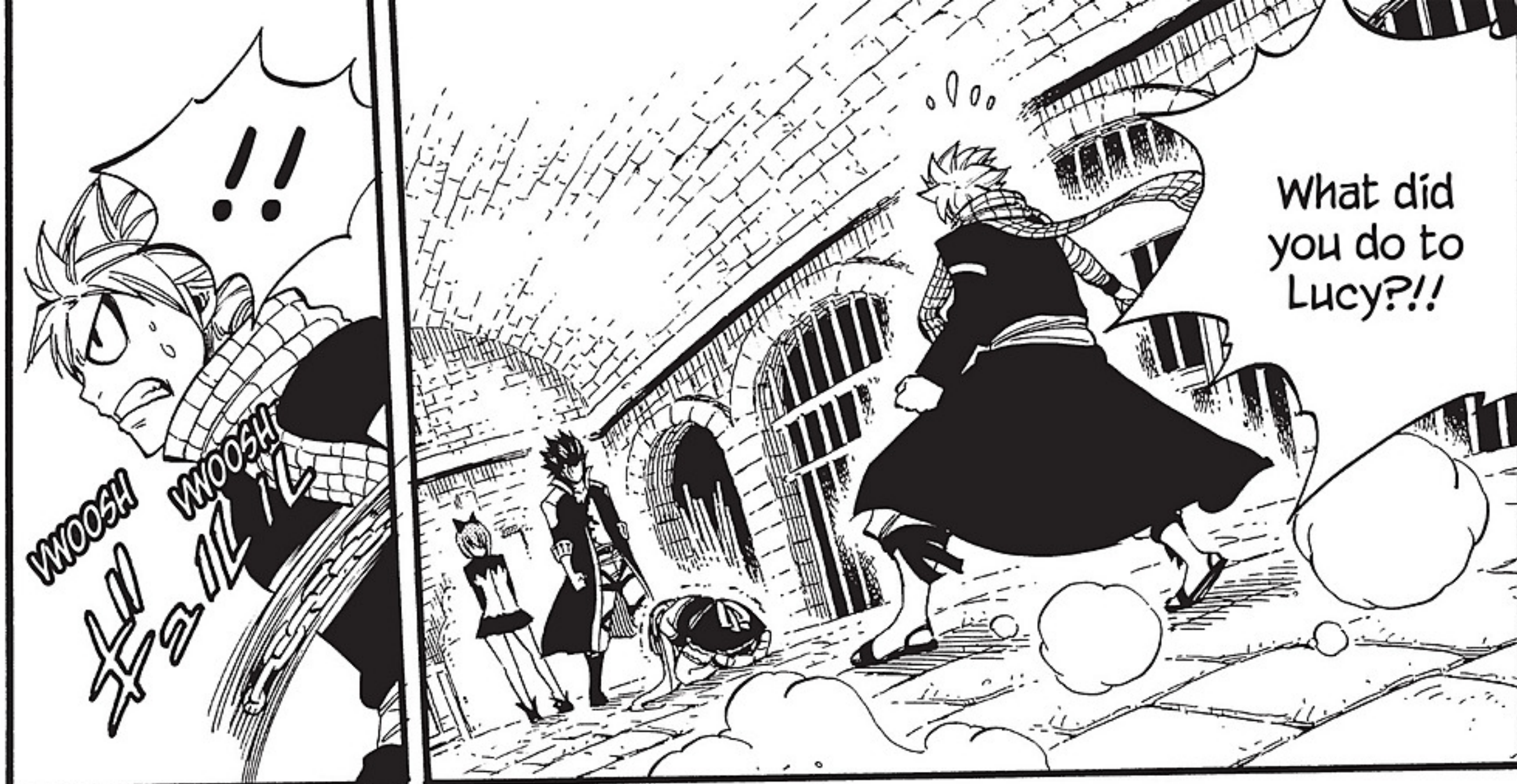
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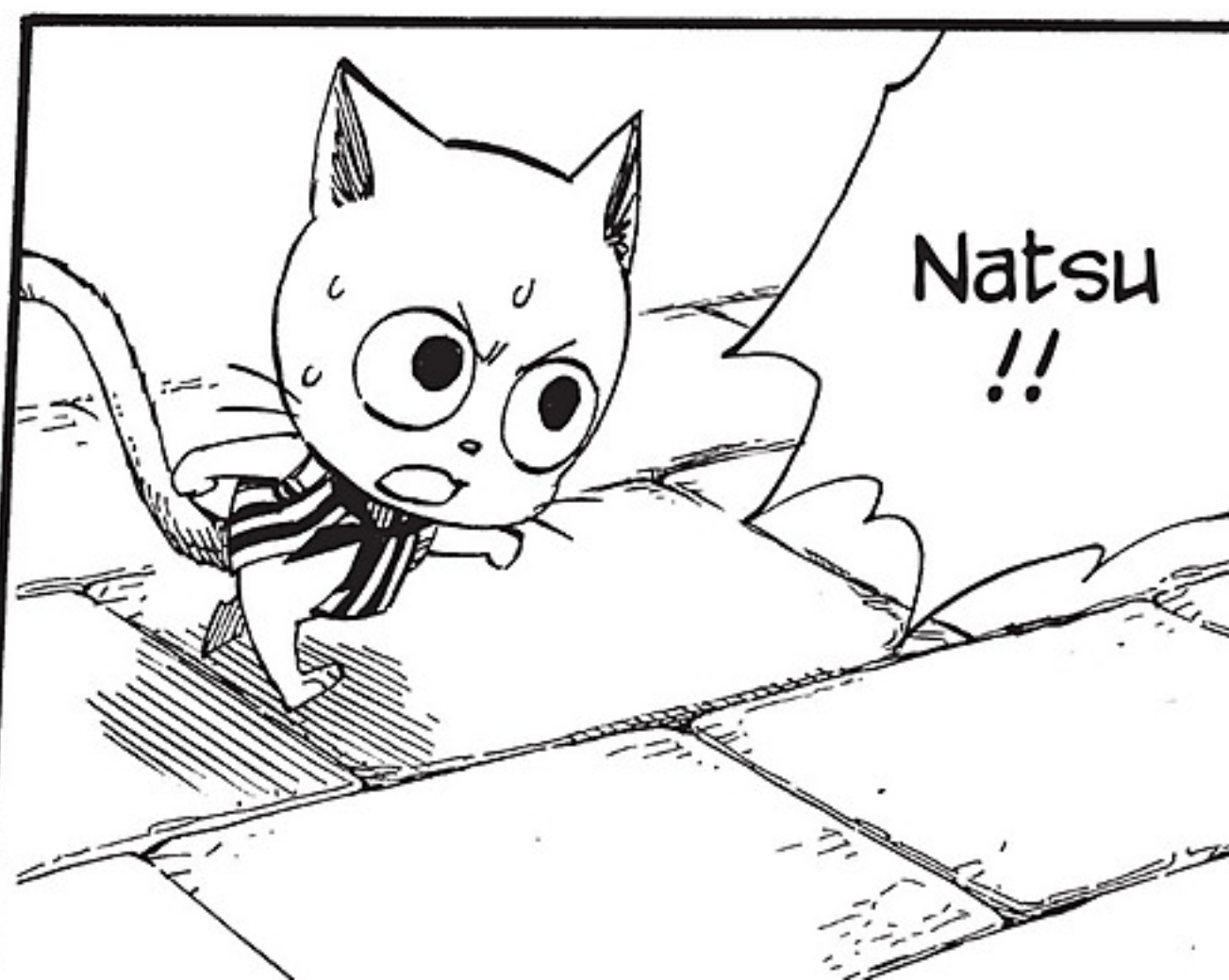
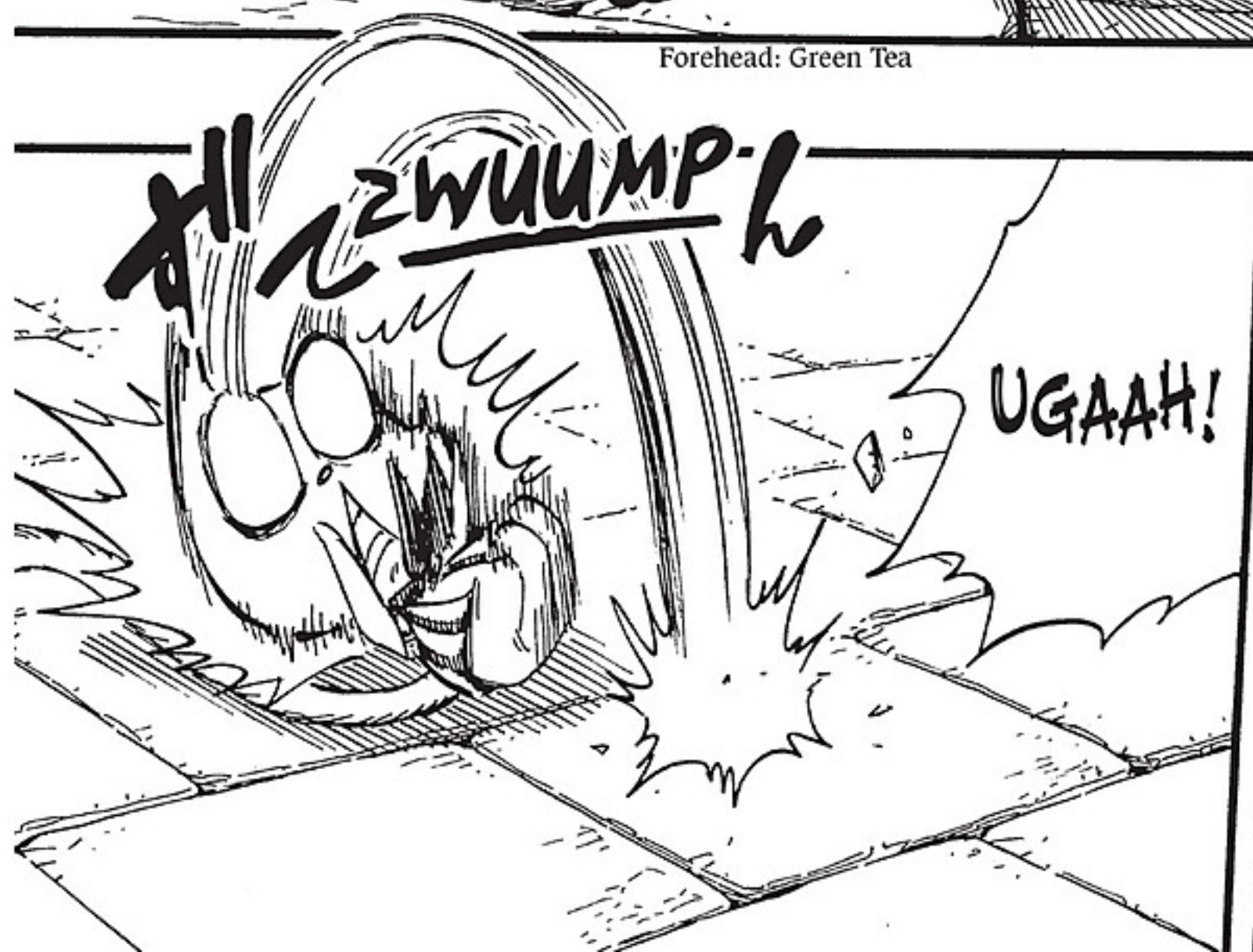
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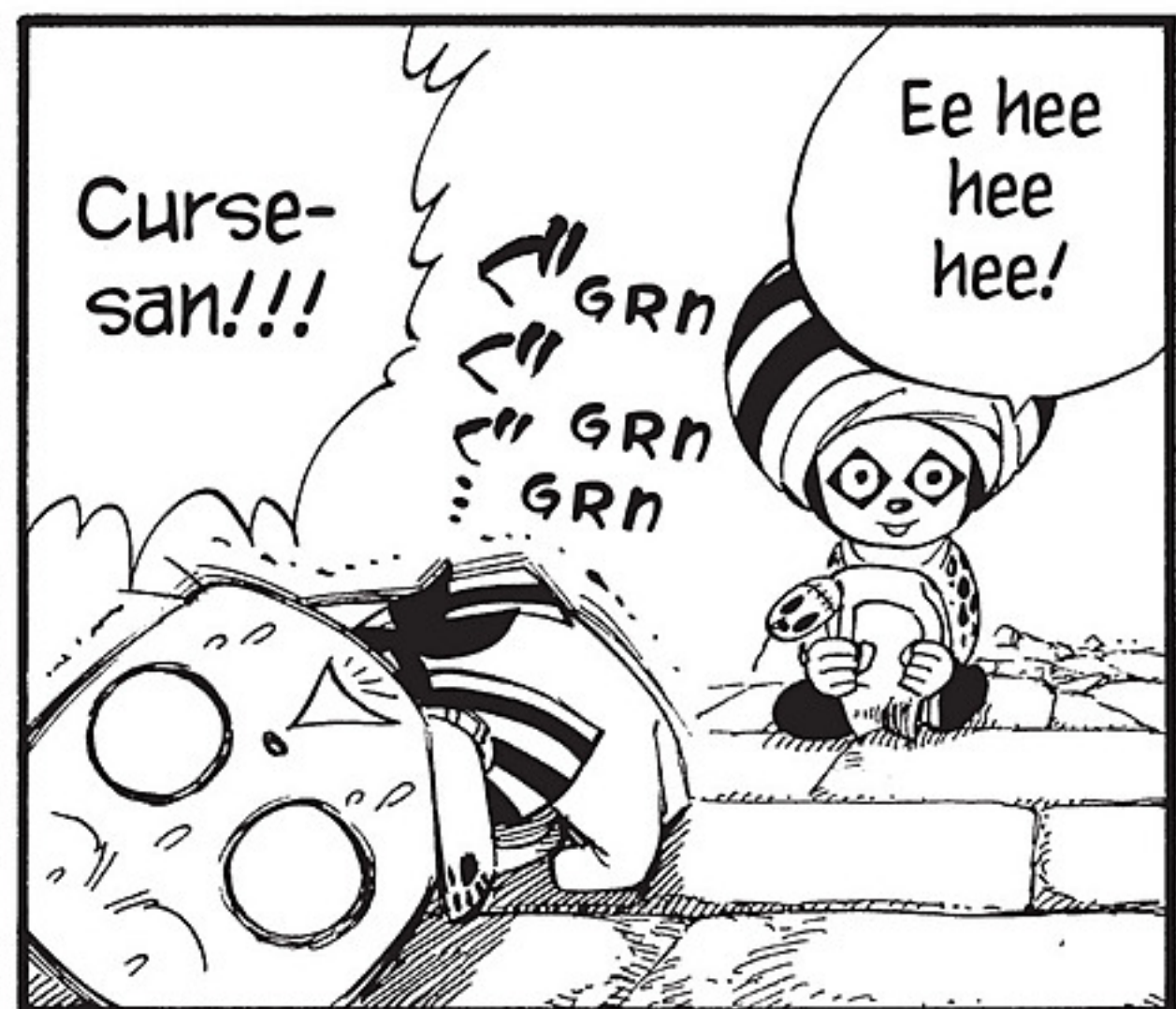
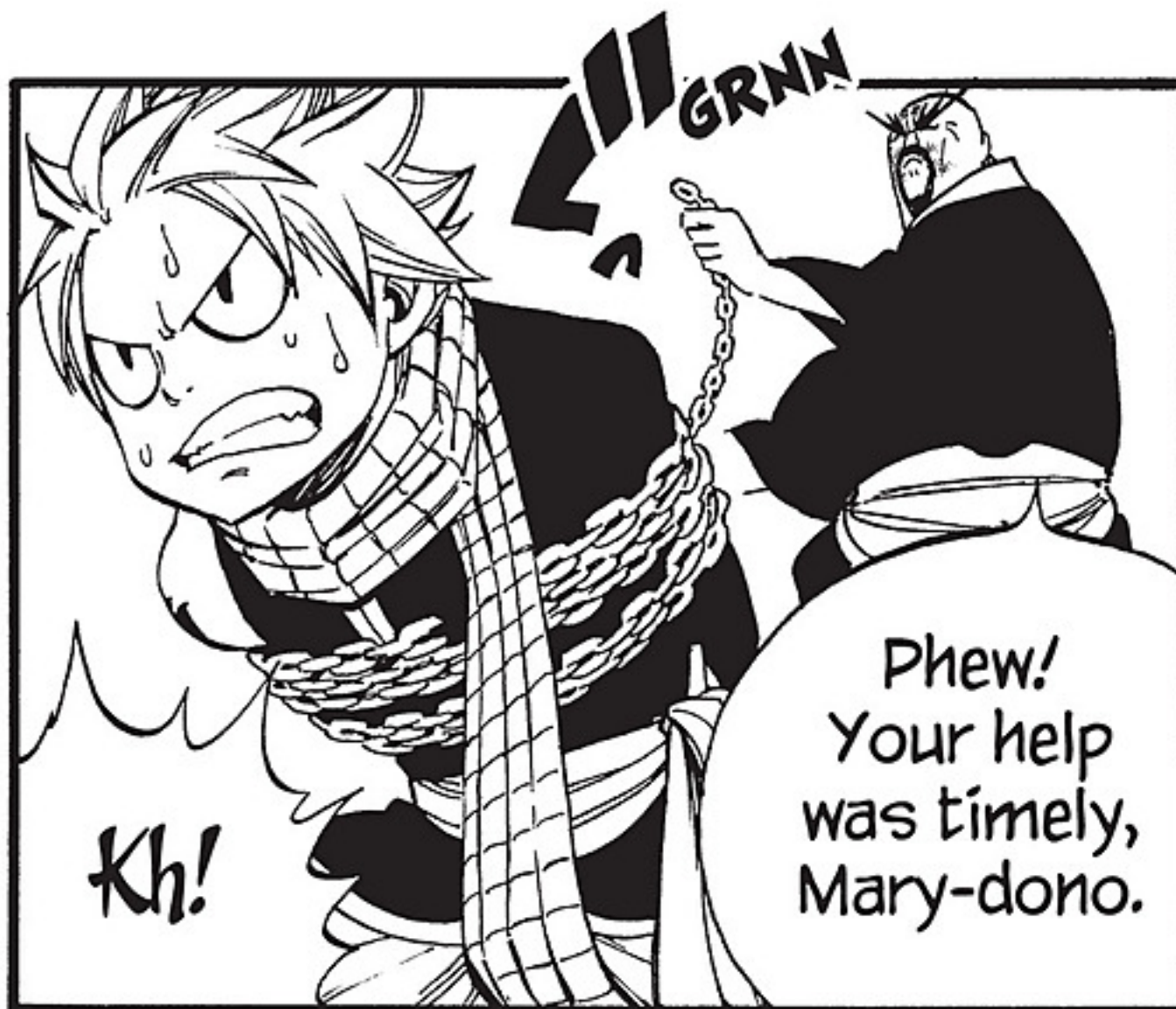
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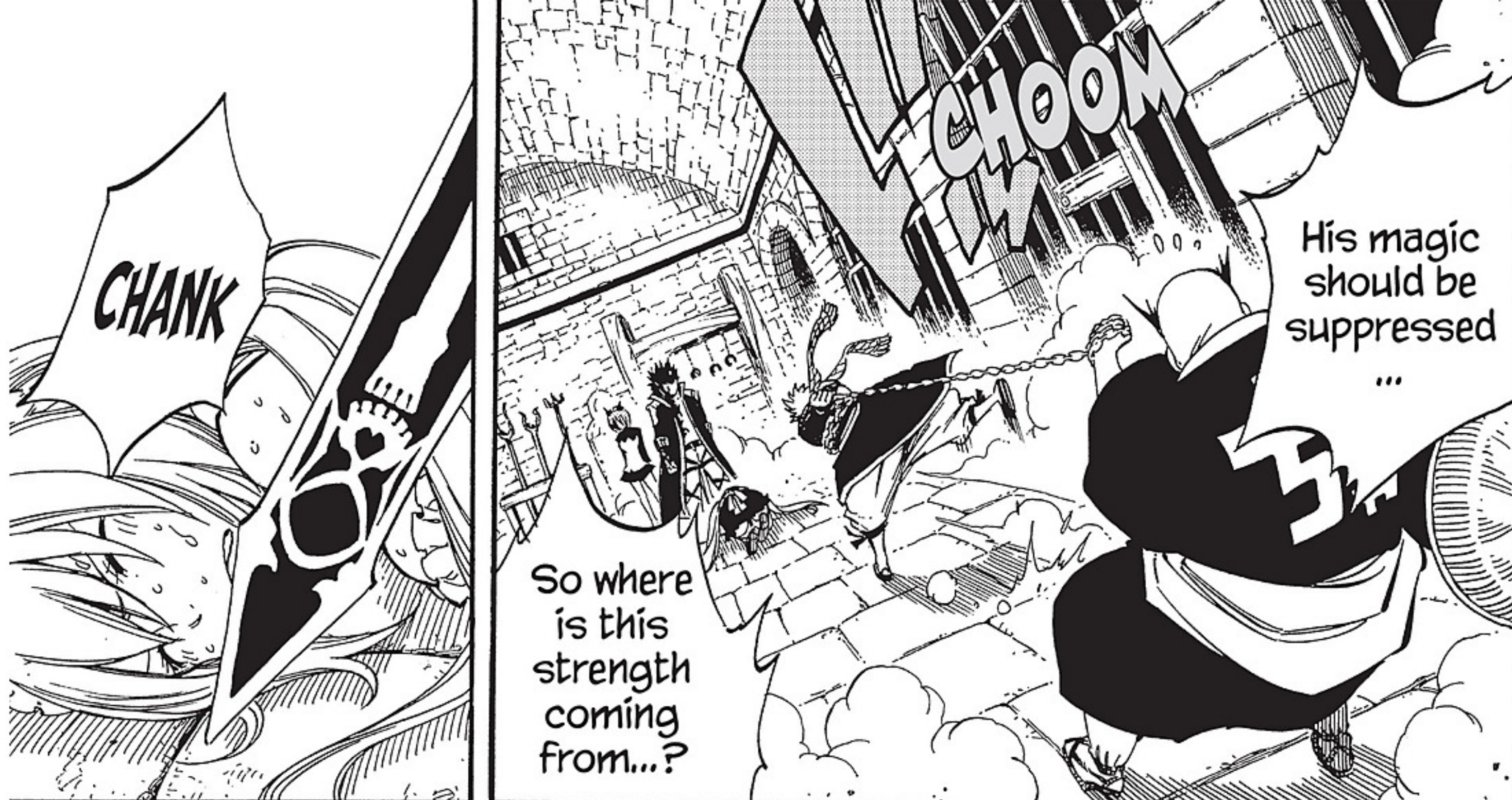




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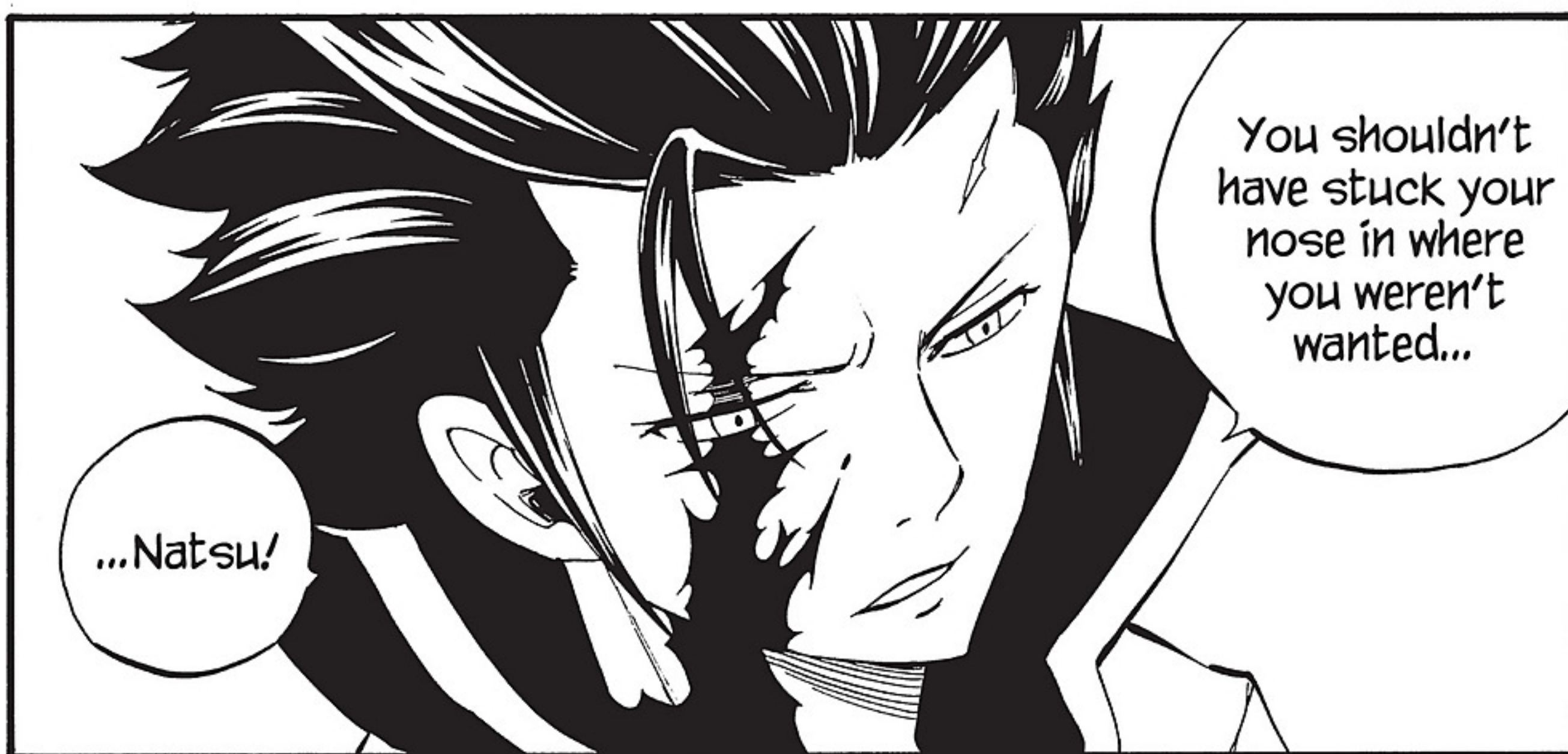
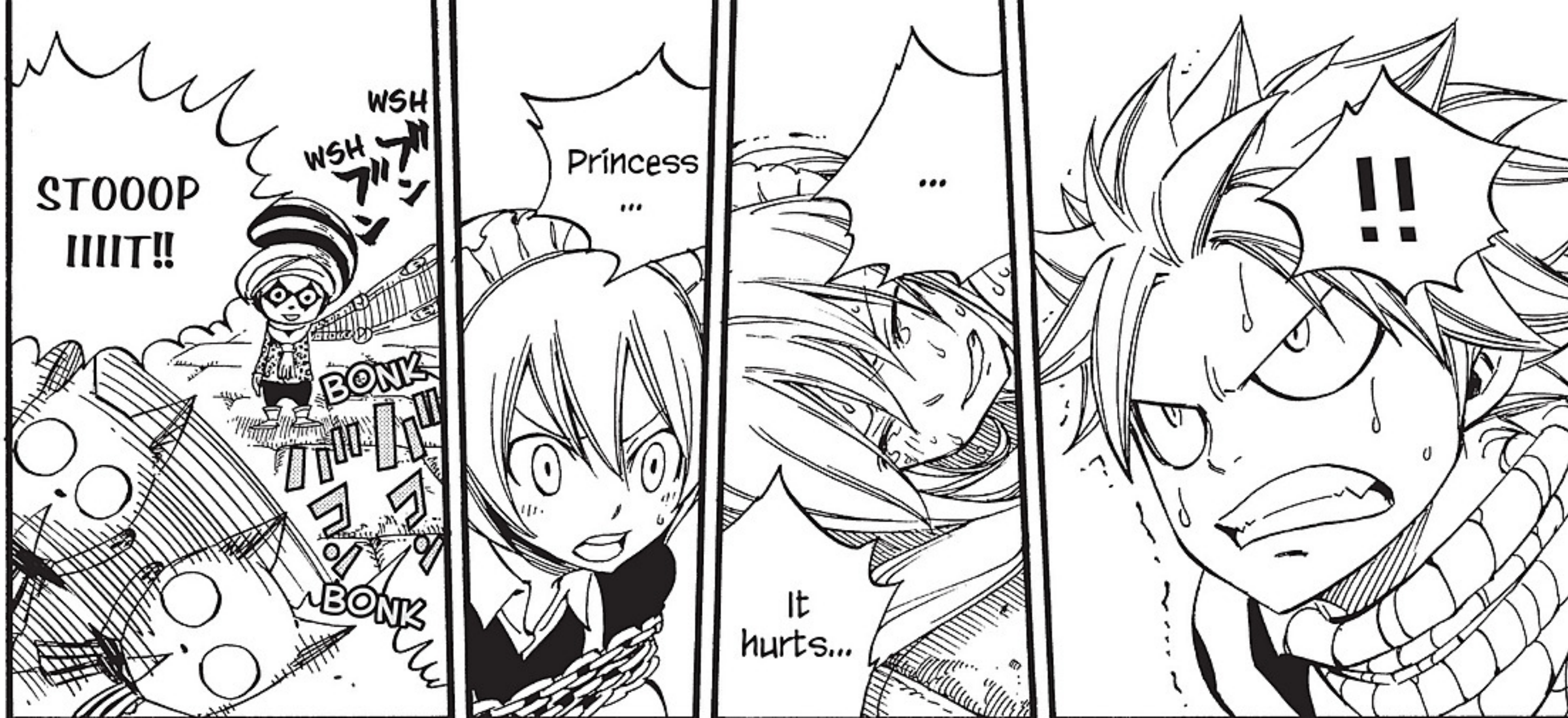


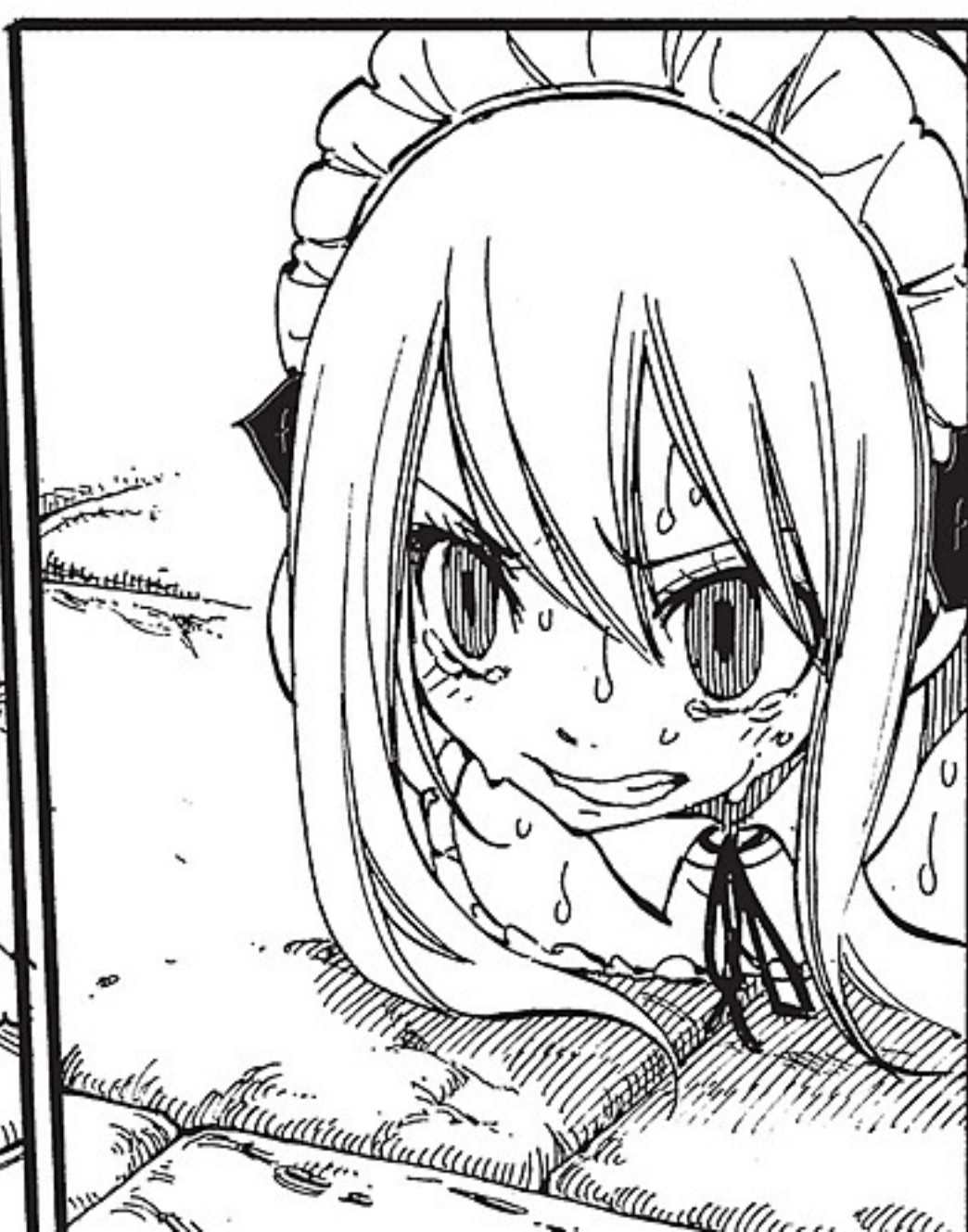
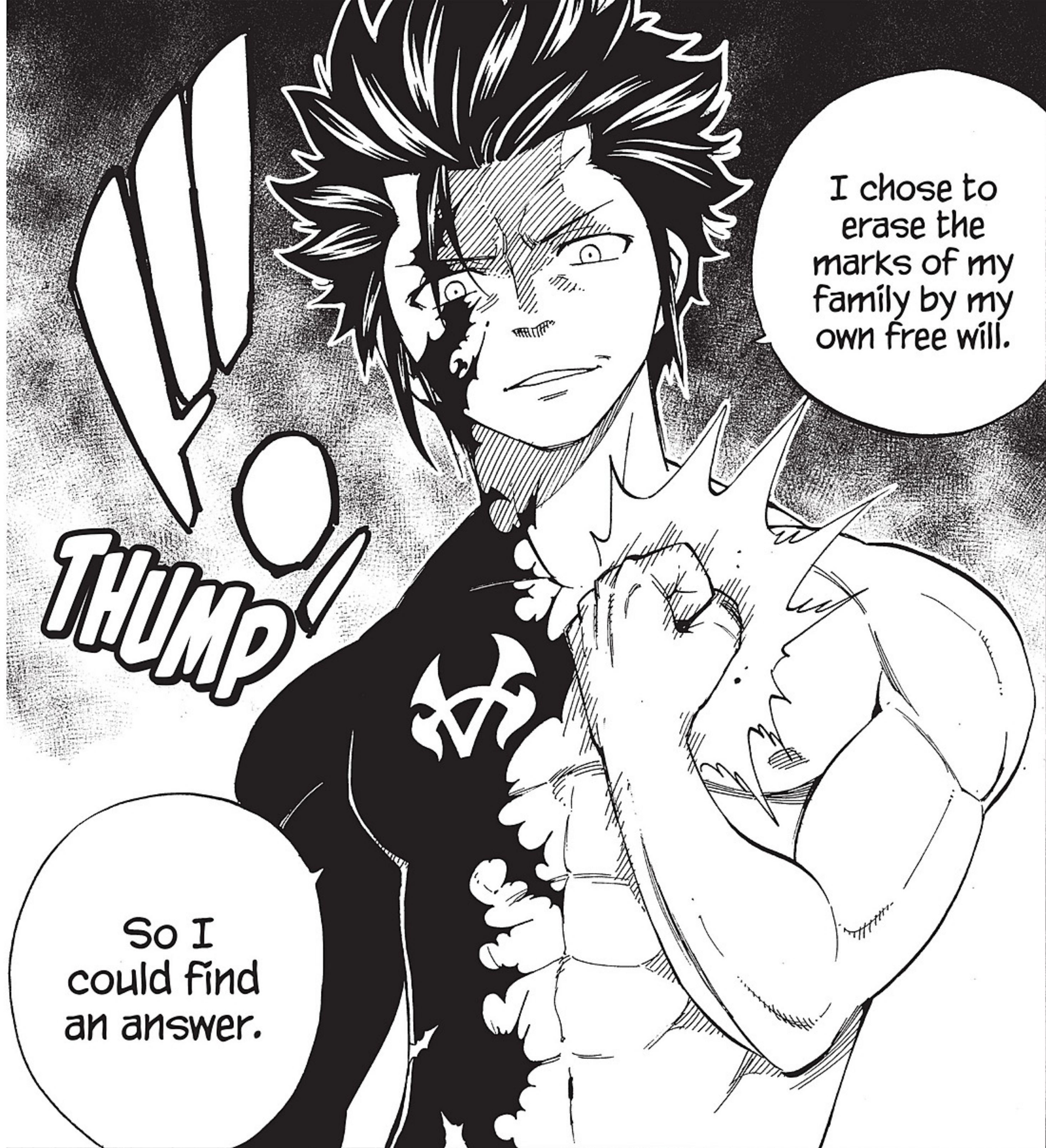


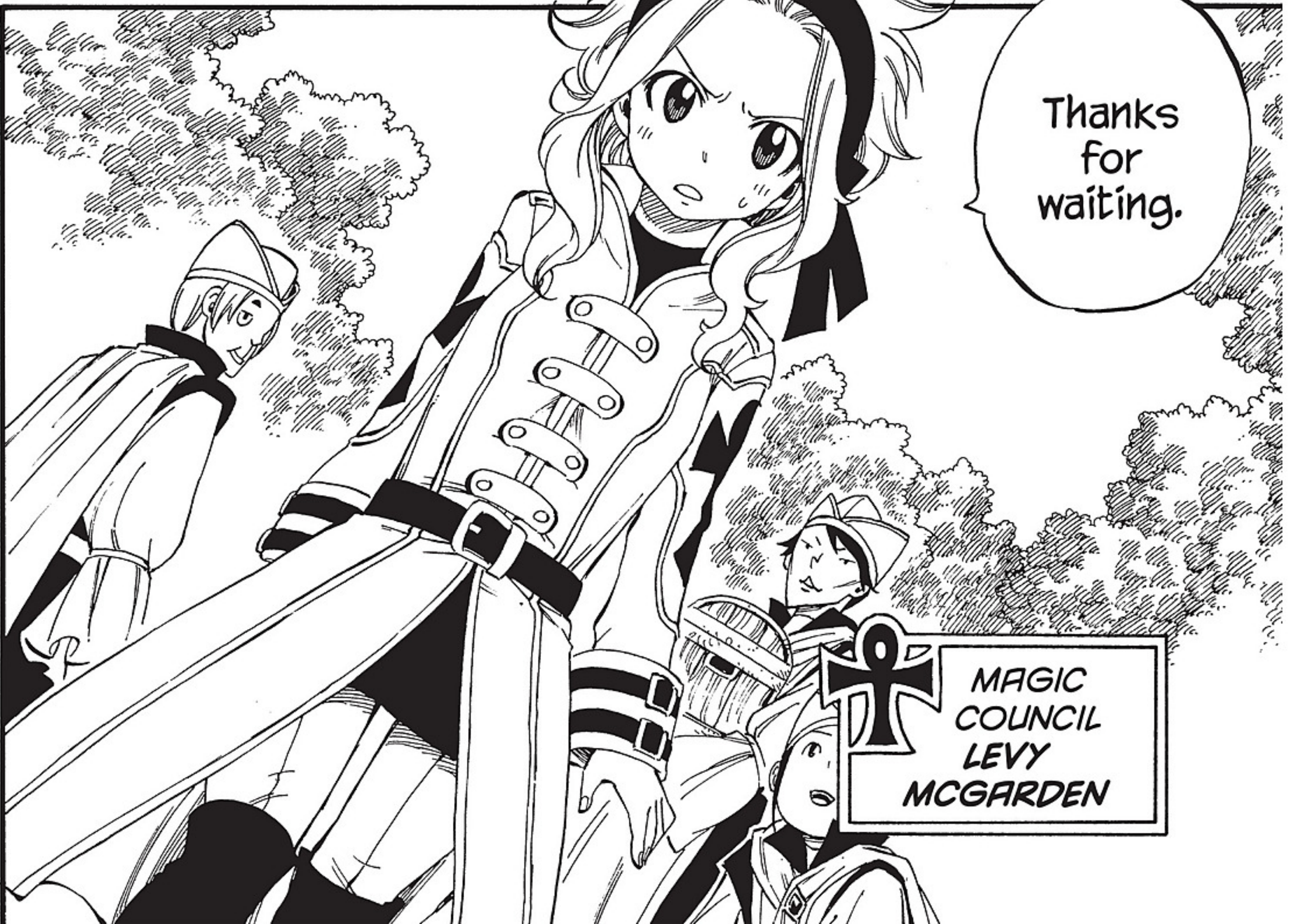
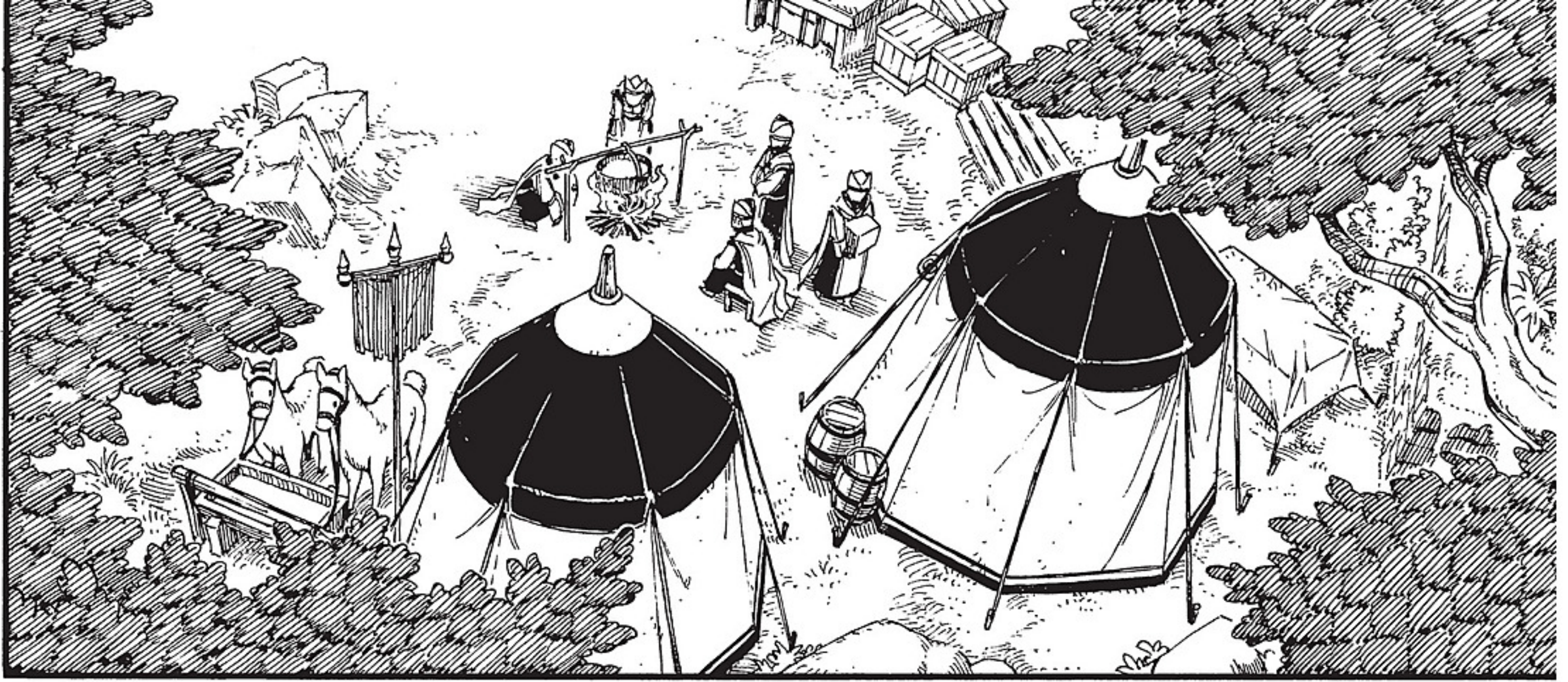


Back: Tea

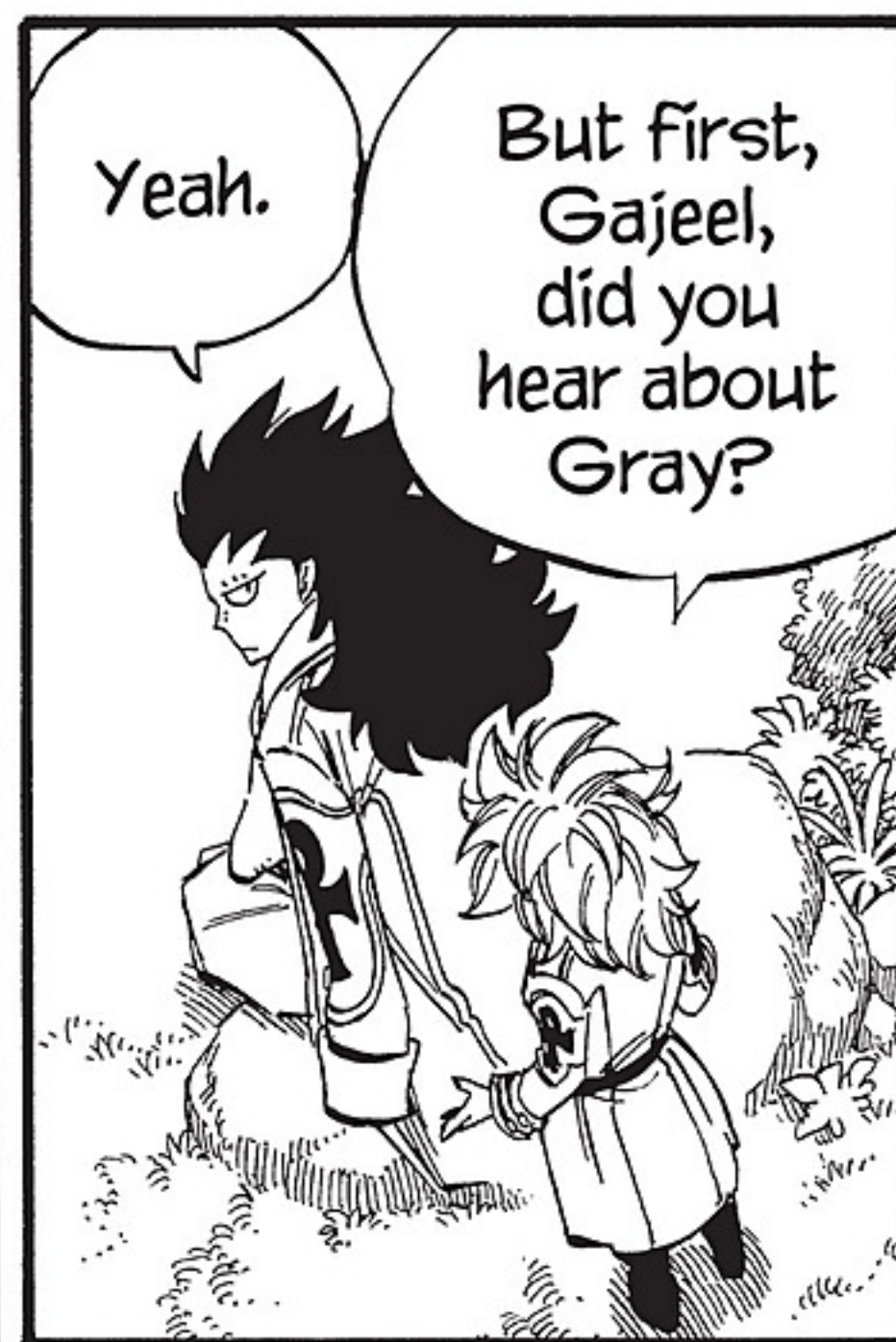
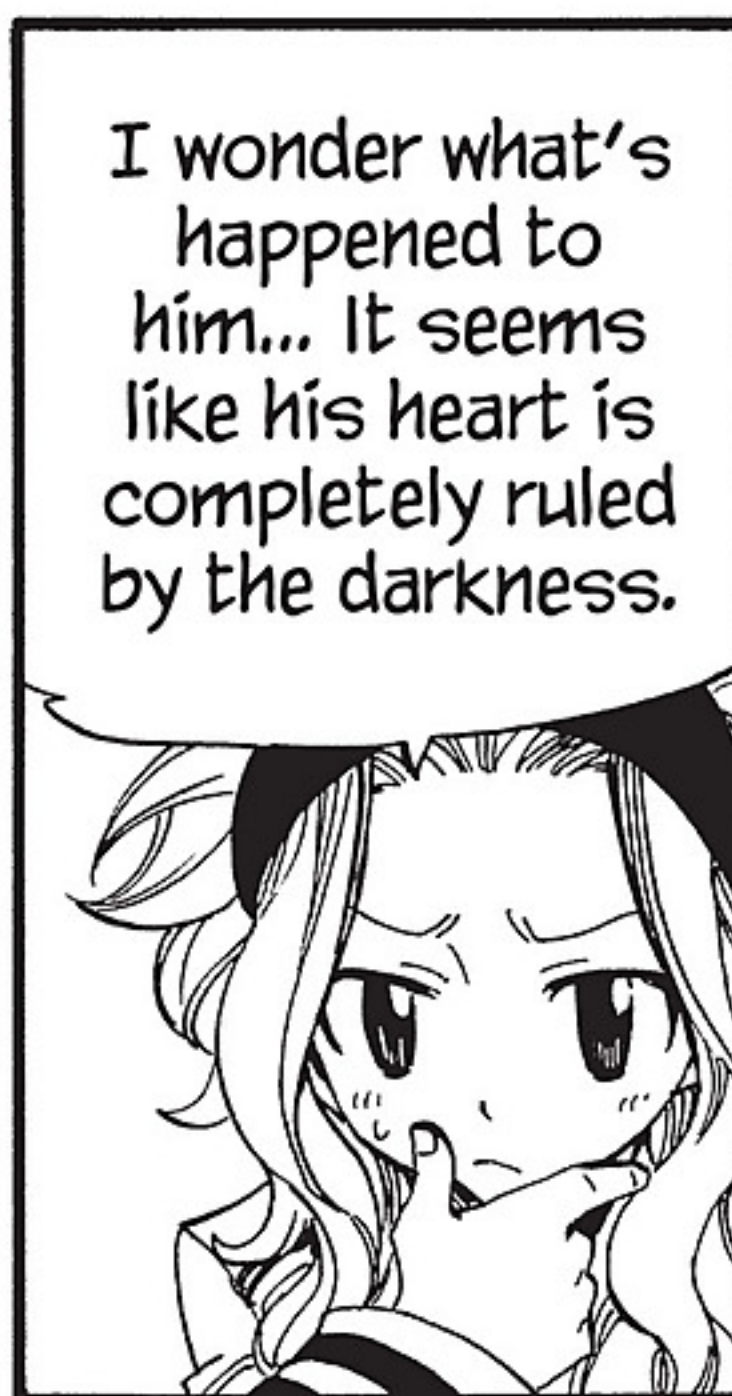


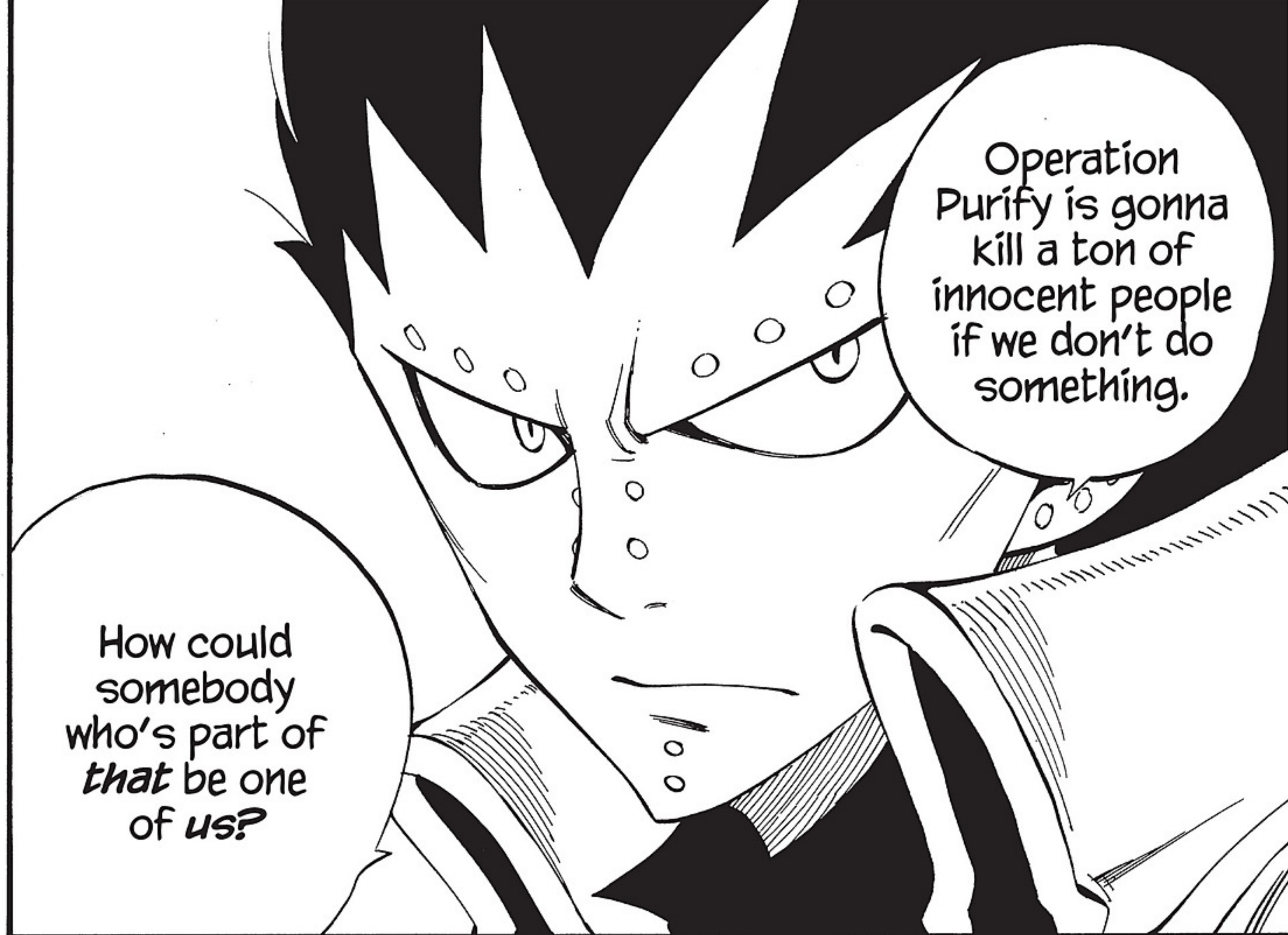






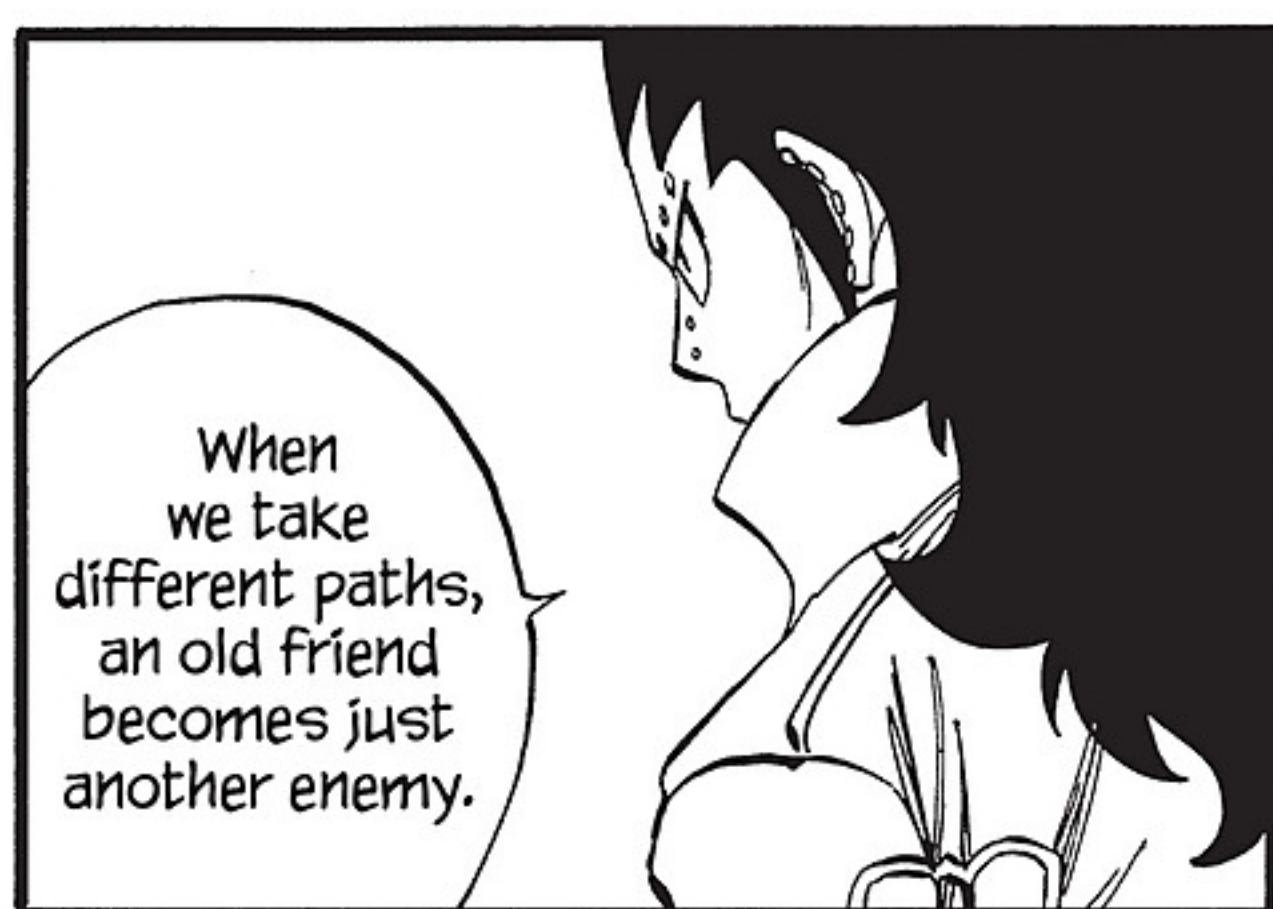
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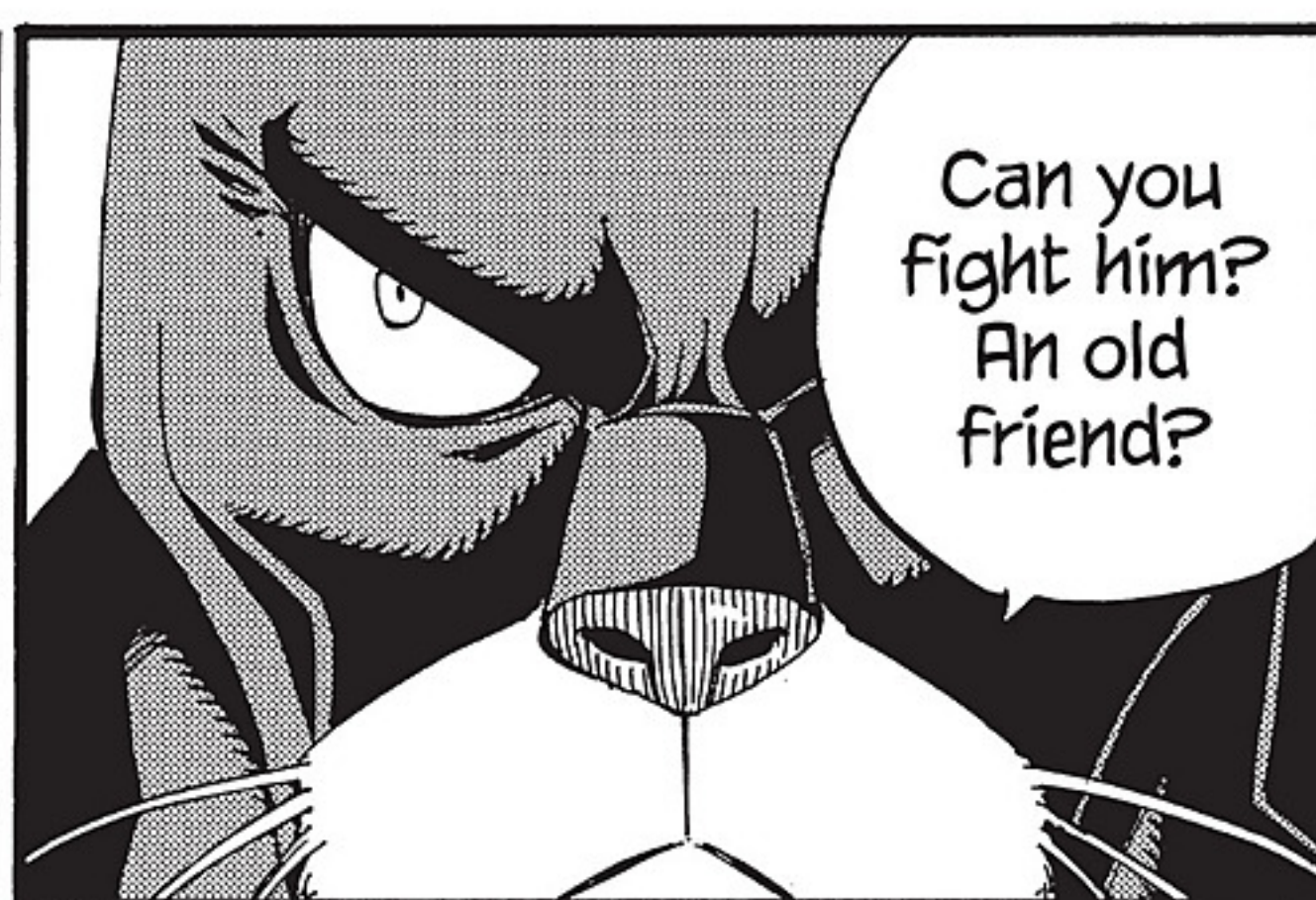


How could
somebody
who's part of
that be one
of *us*?

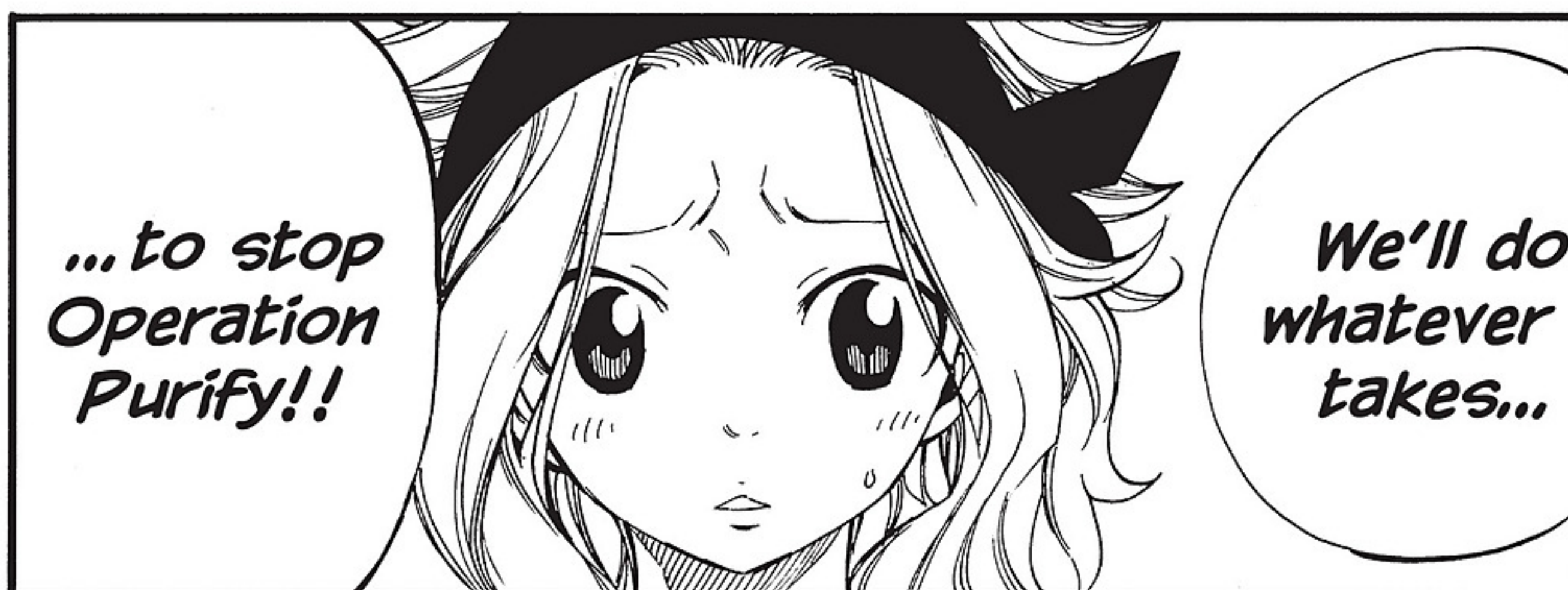
Operation
Purify is gonna
kill a ton of
innocent people
if we don't do
something.



When
we take
different paths,
an old friend
becomes just
another enemy.

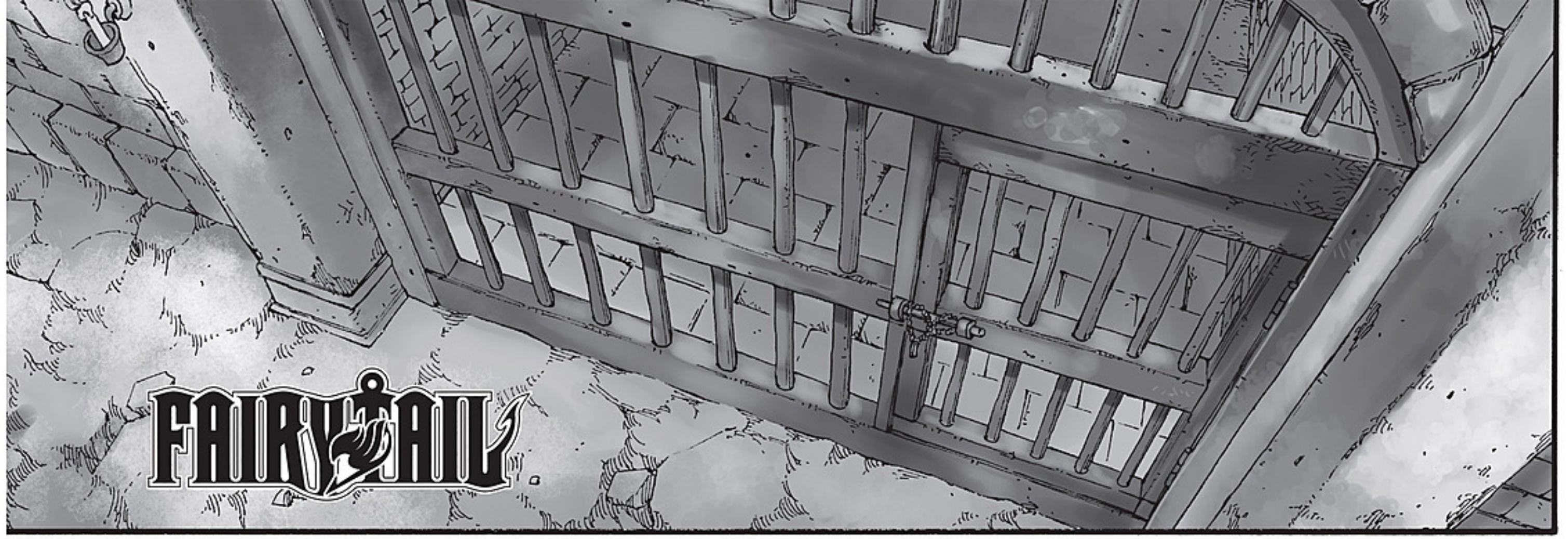


Can you
fight him?
An old
friend?



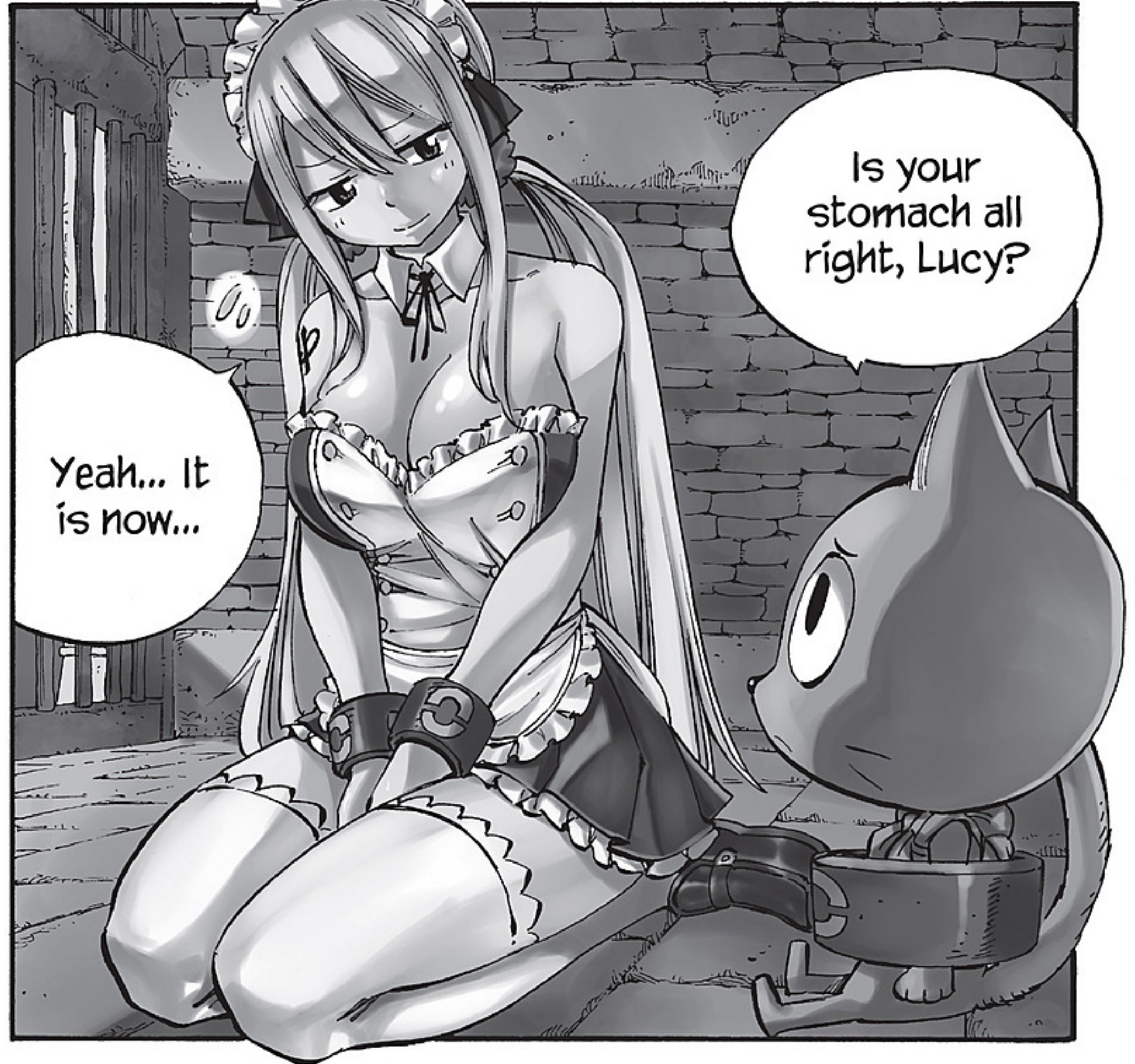
*... to stop
Operation
Purify!!*

*We'll do
whatever it
takes...*



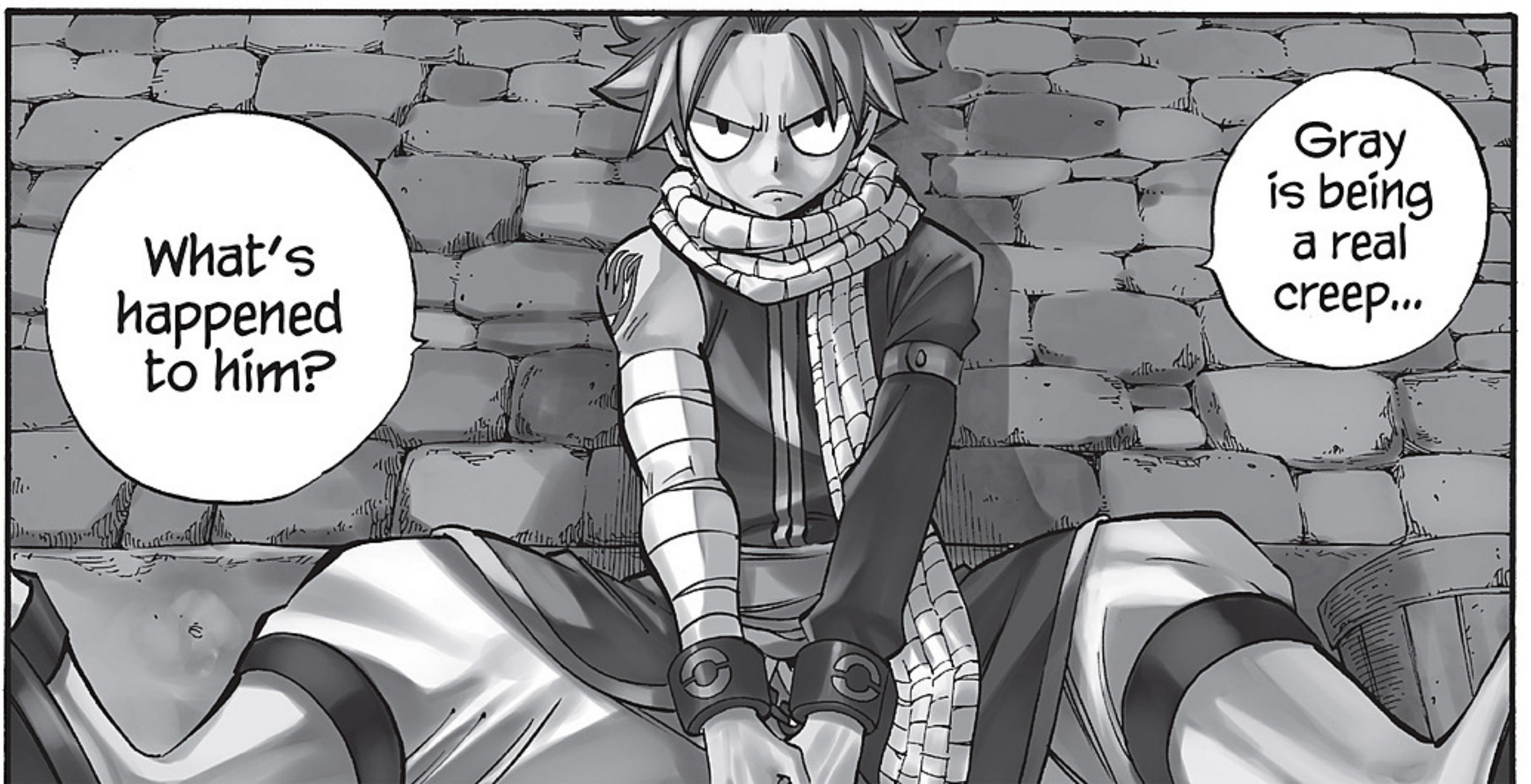
What about Virgo?

When these magic-blocking restraints were put on me, it closed her gate.



Is your stomach all right, Lucy?

Yeah... It is now...



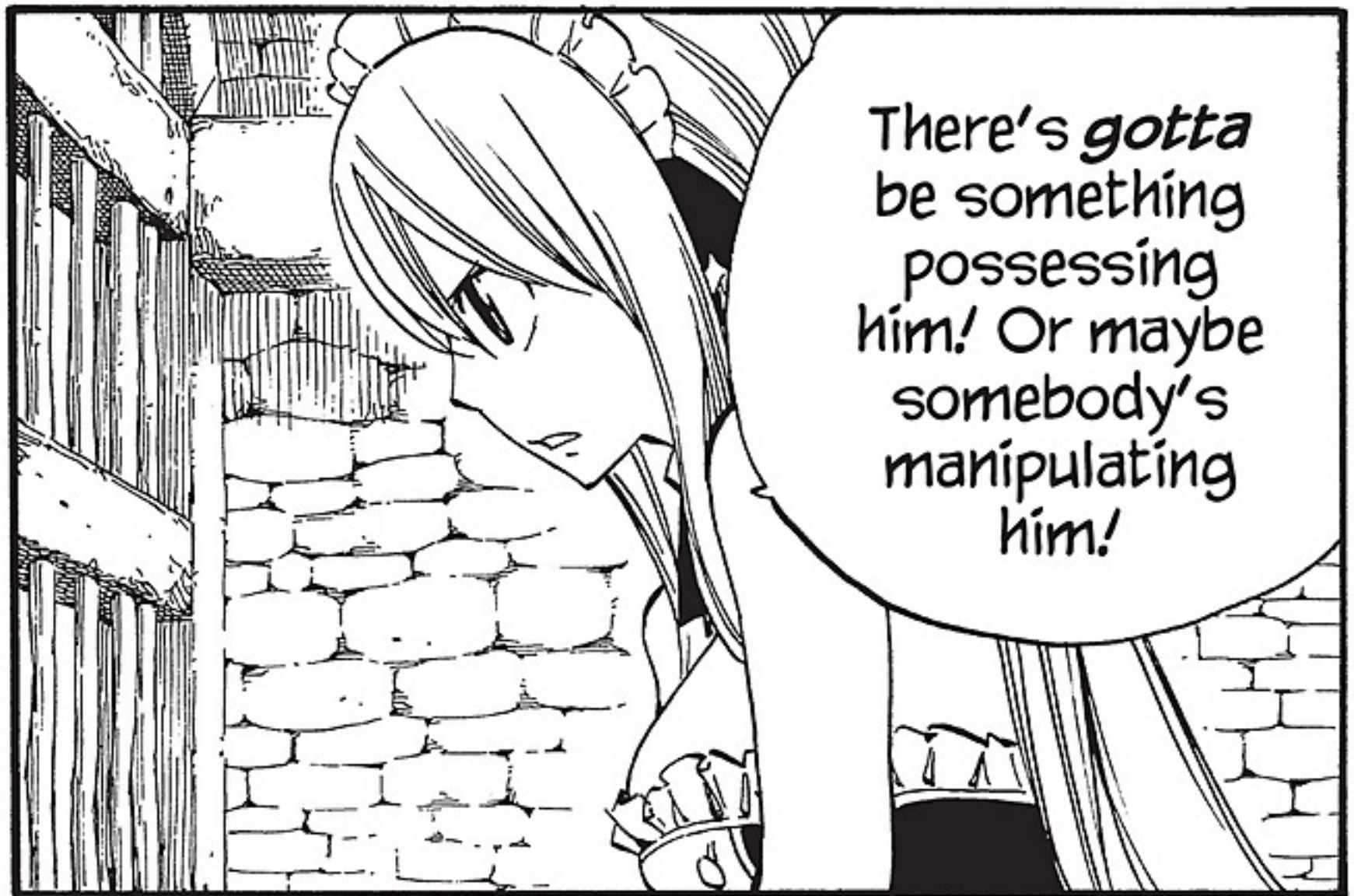
What's happened to him?

Gray is being a real creep...

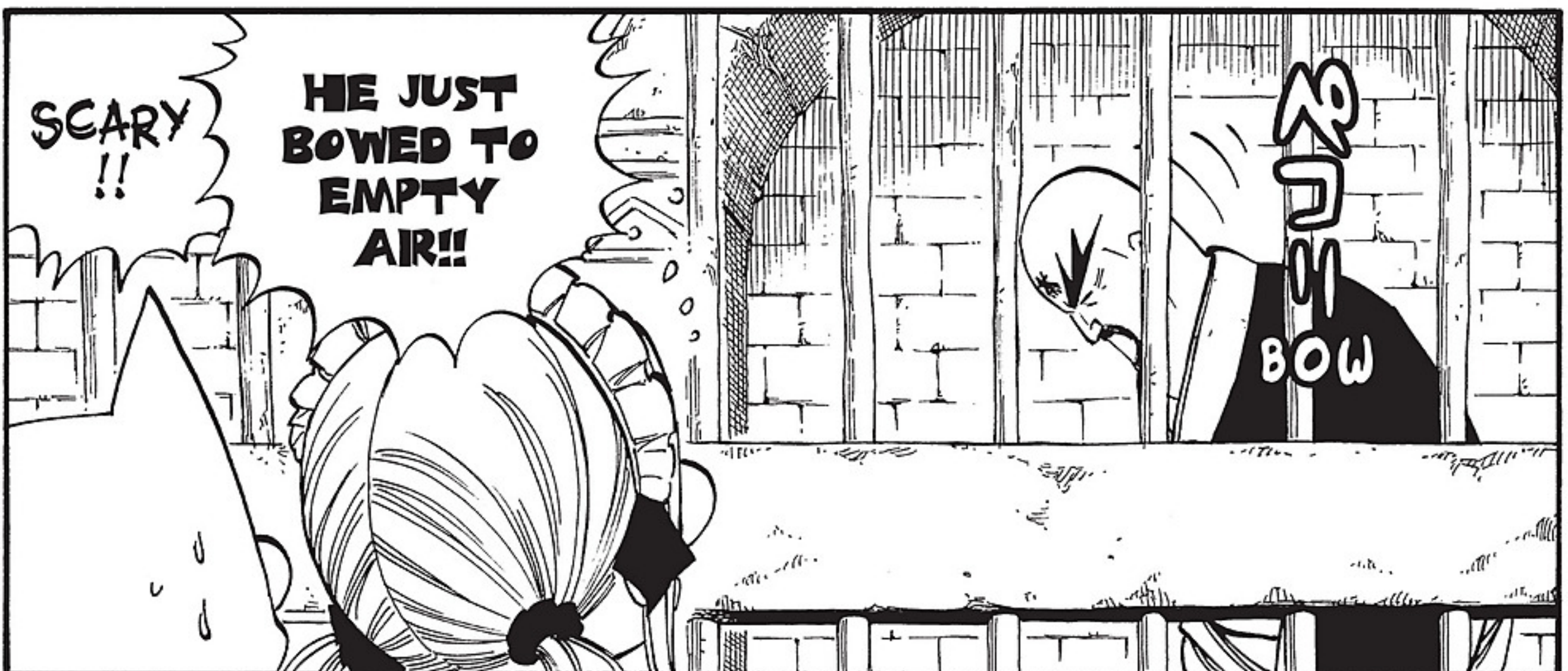
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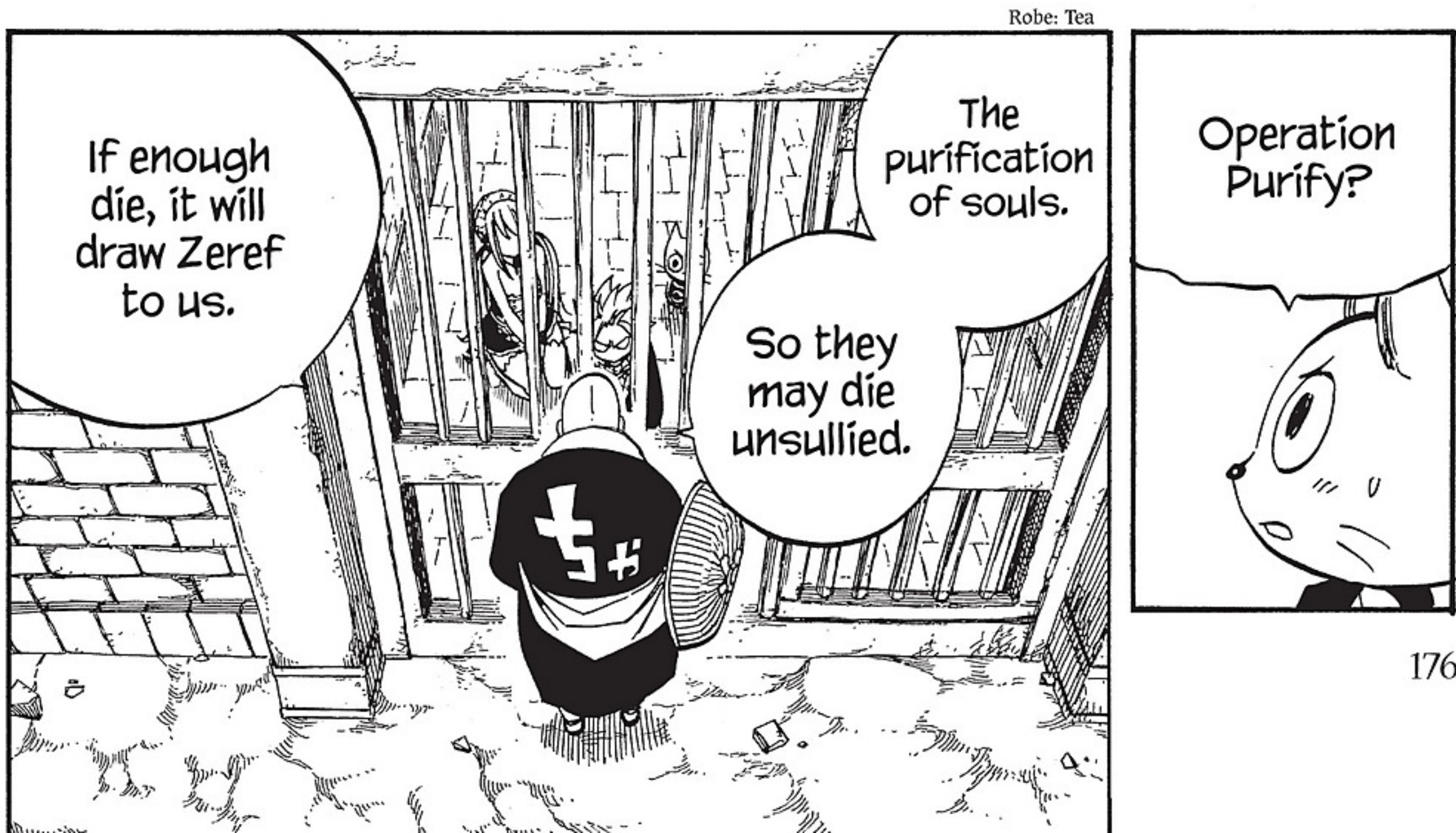
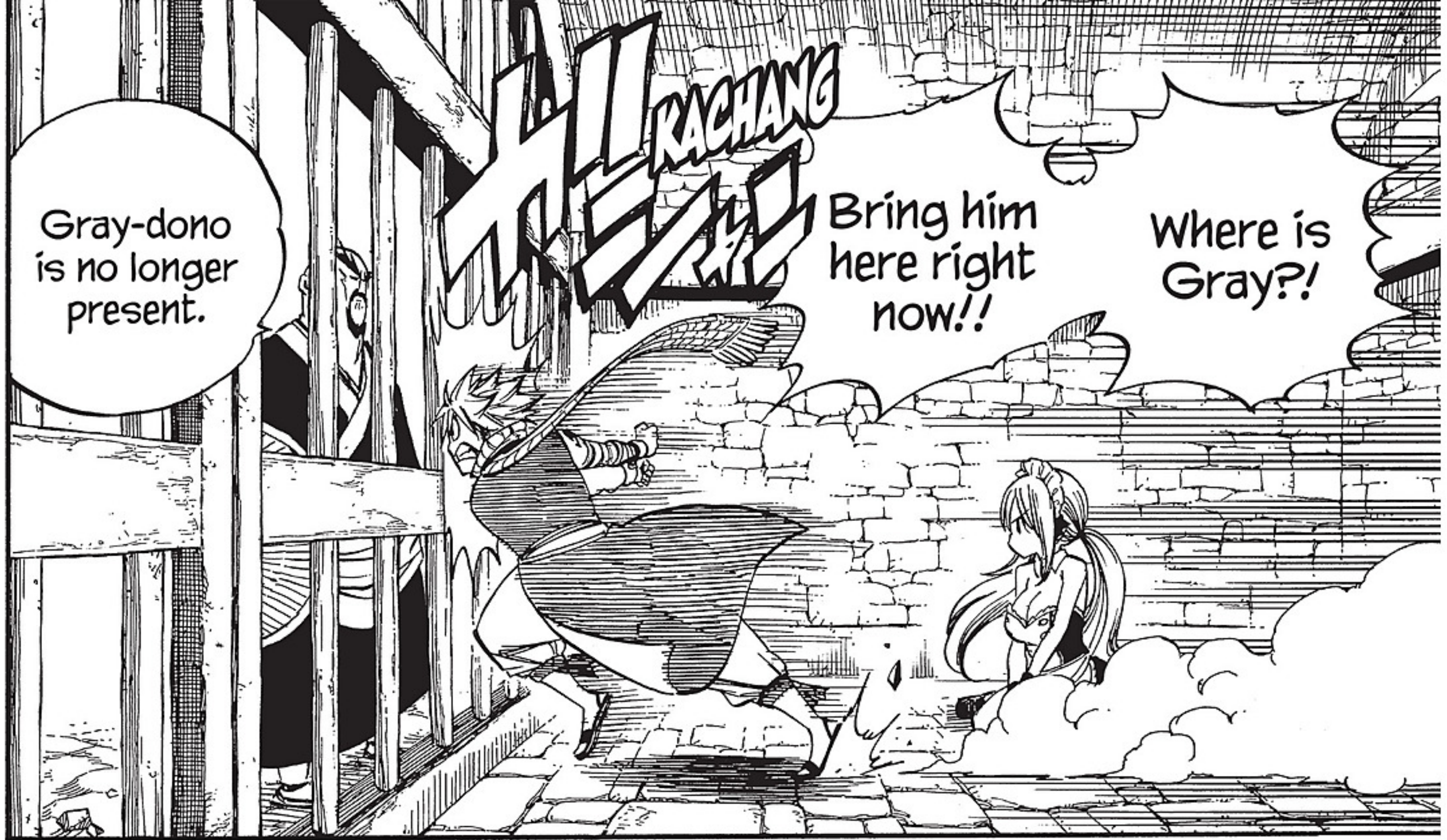


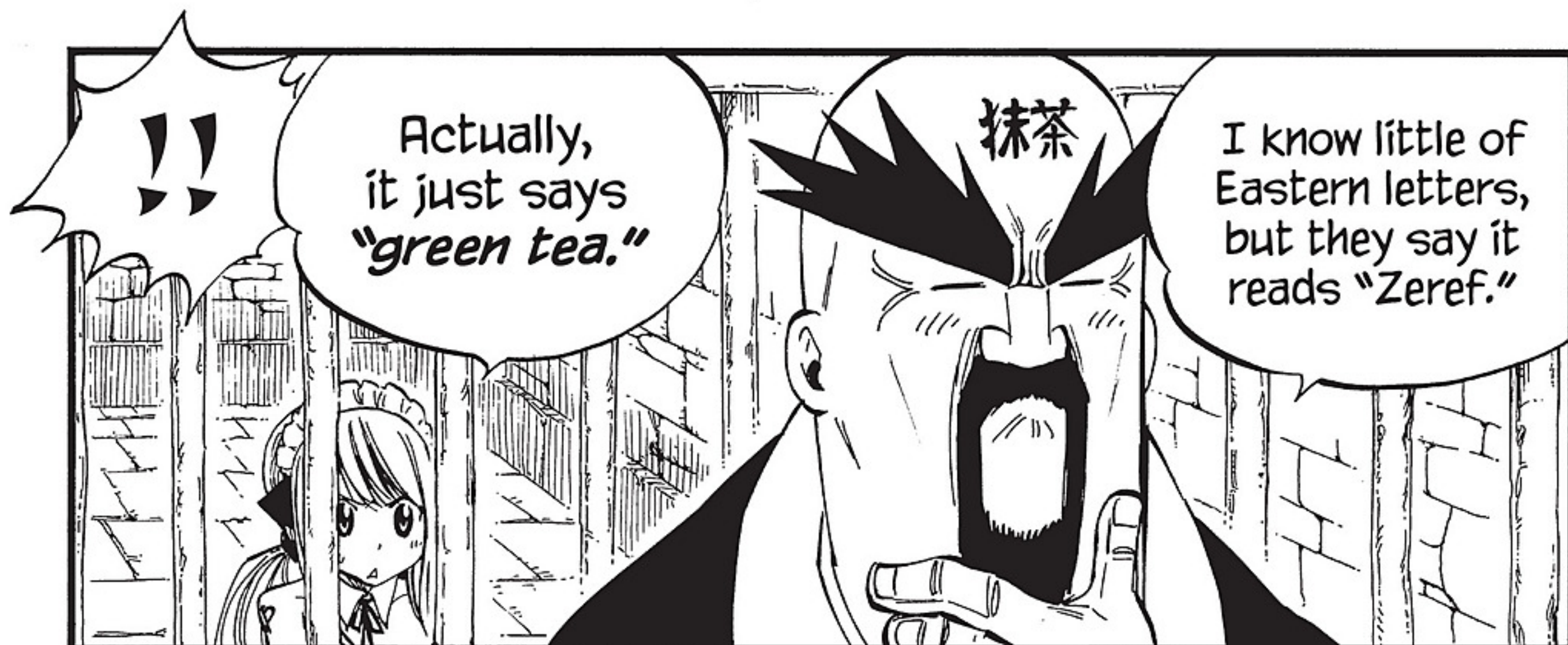
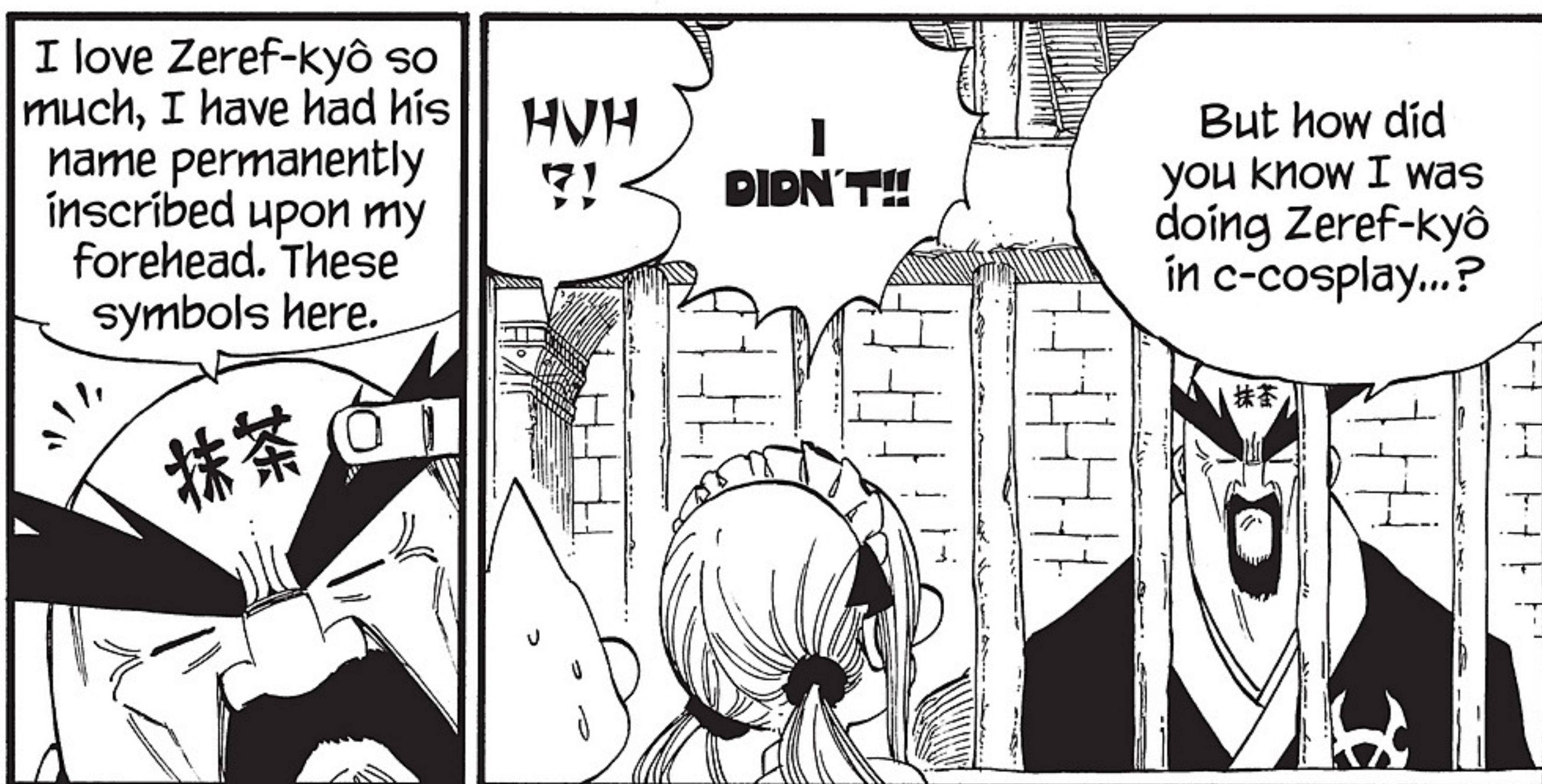
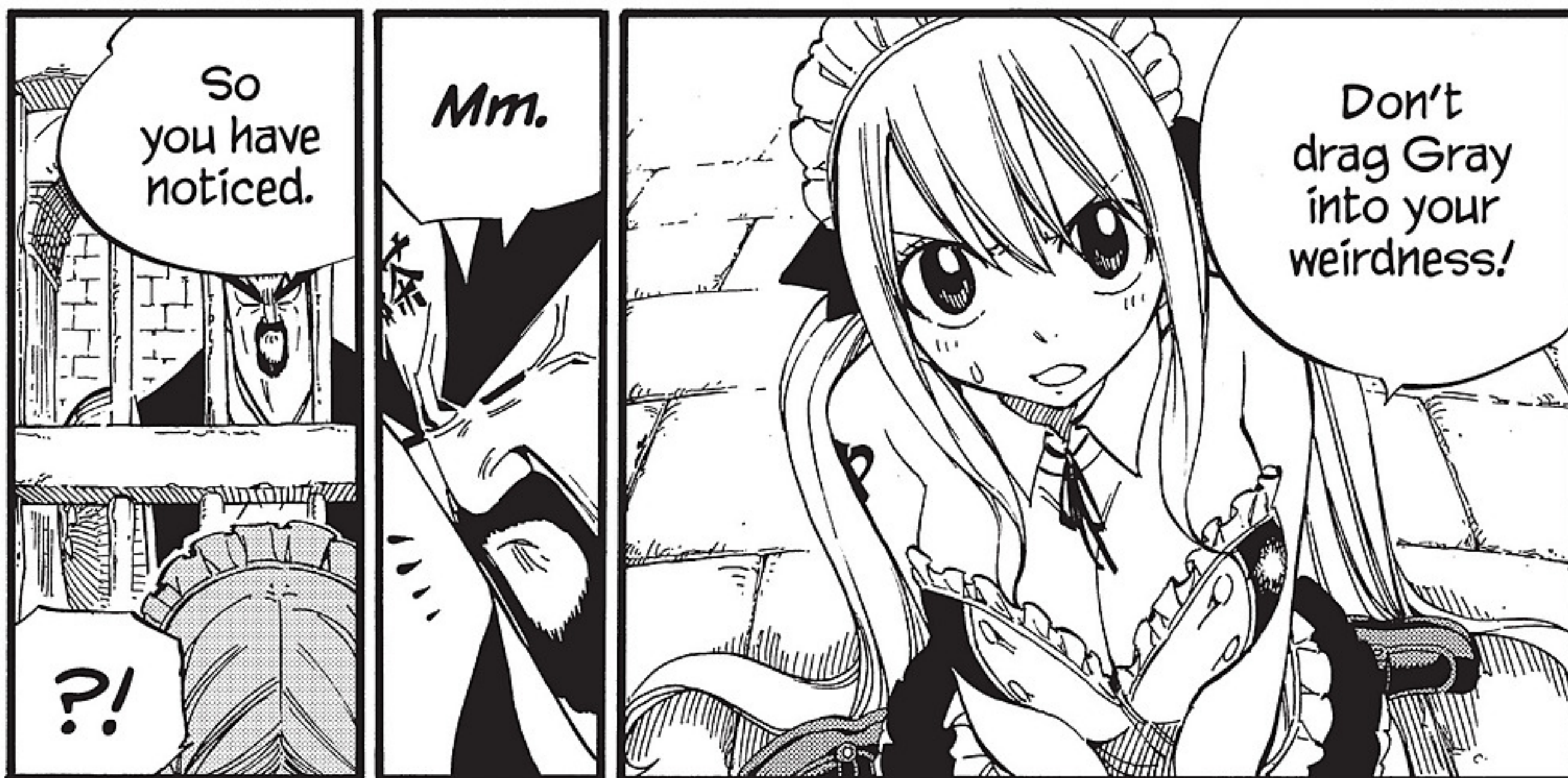


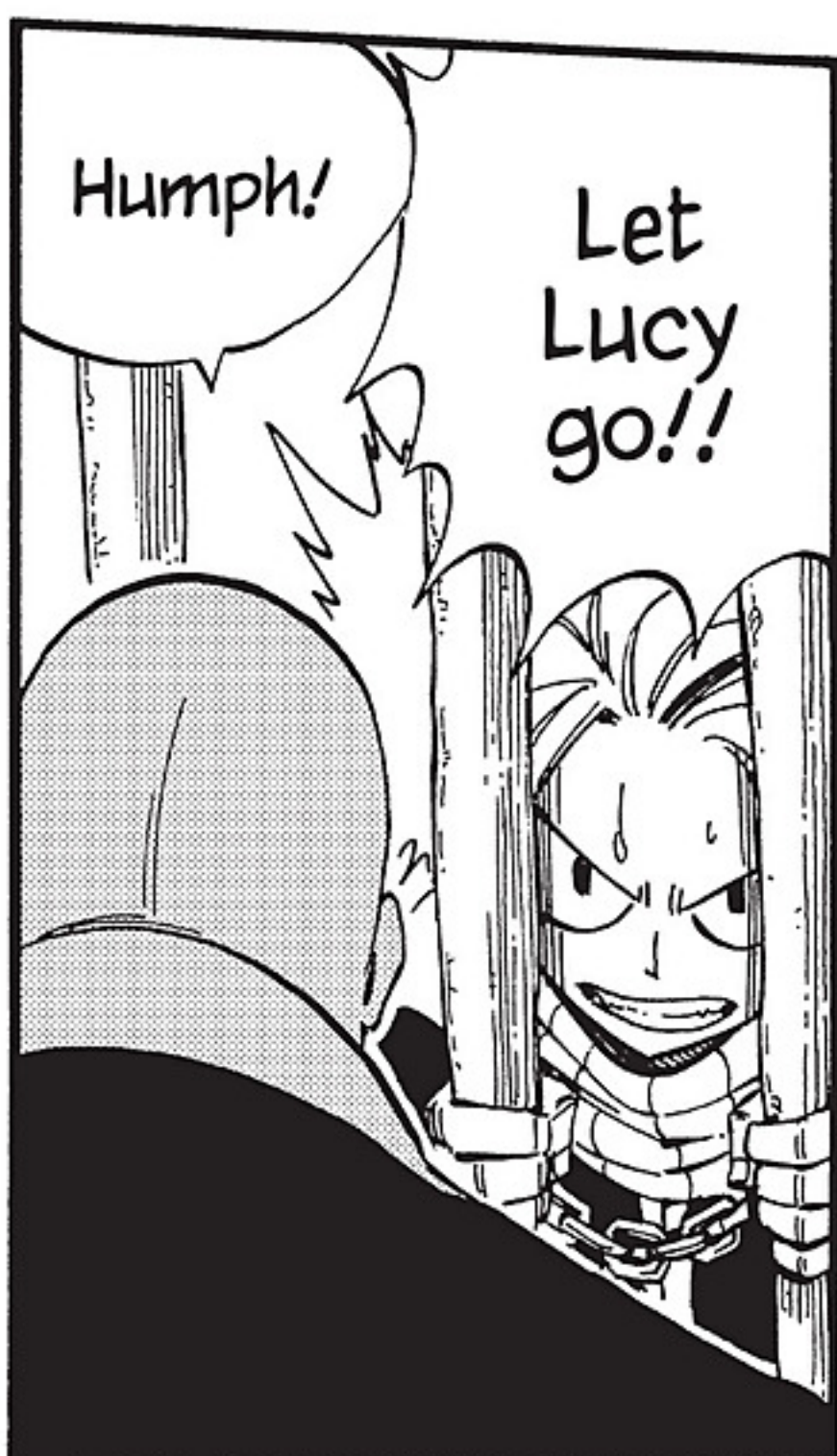
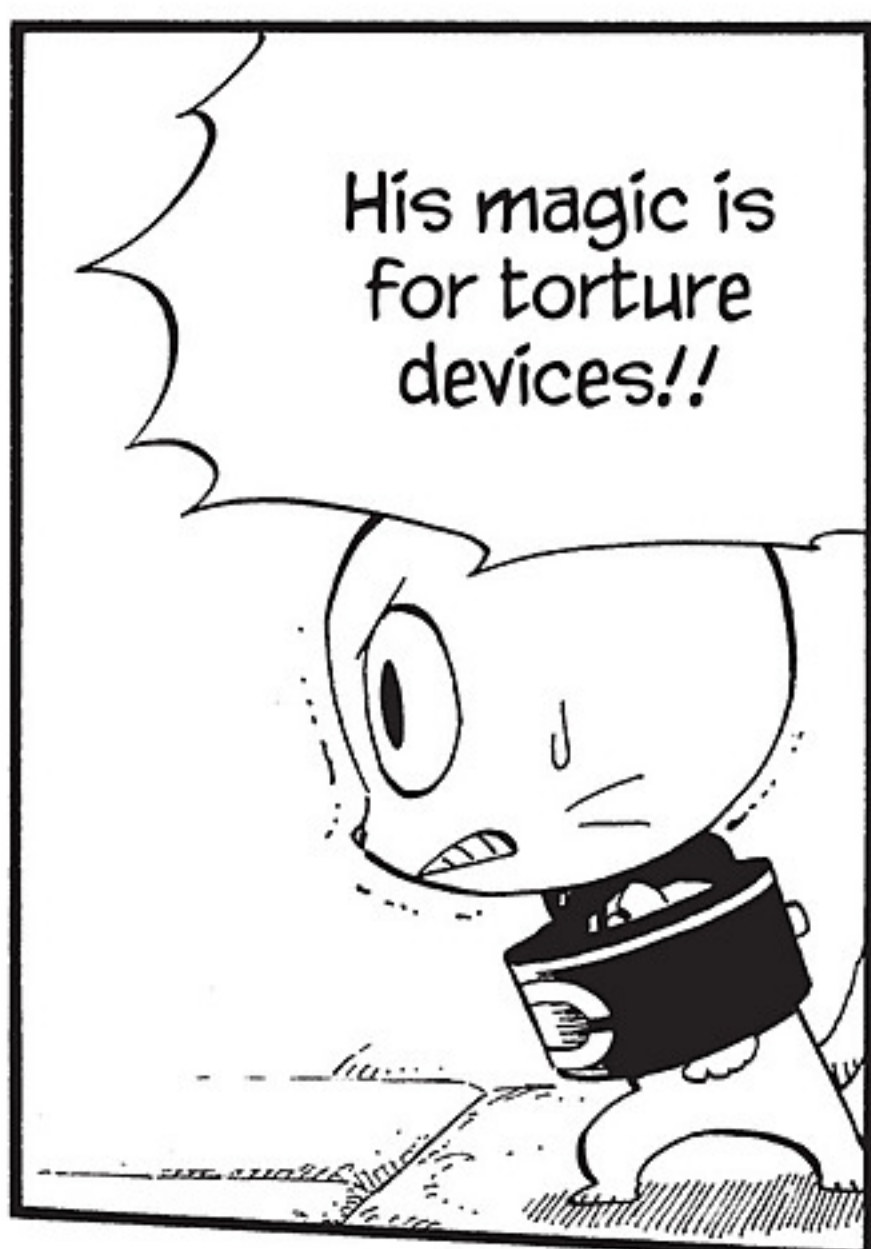
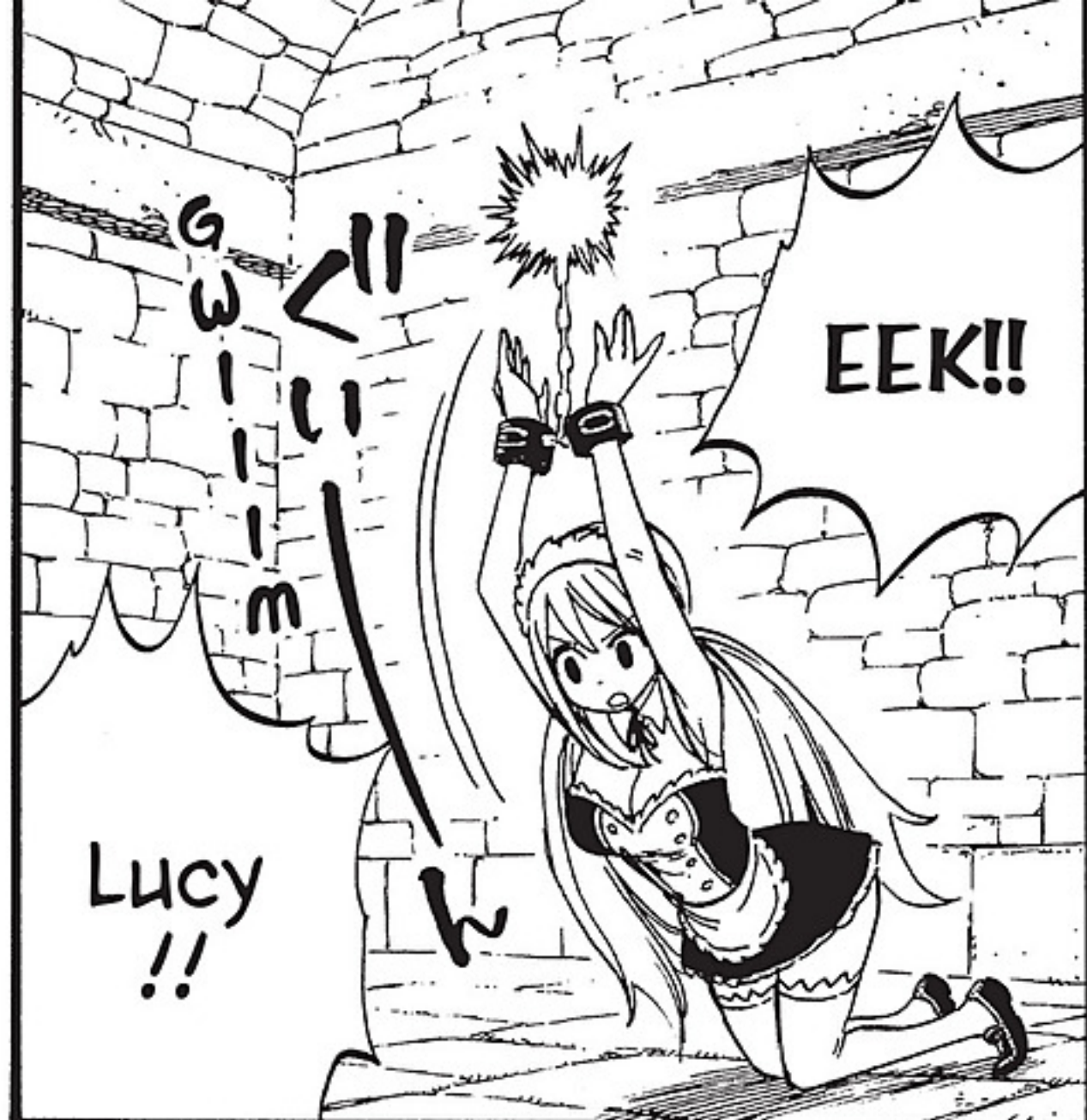


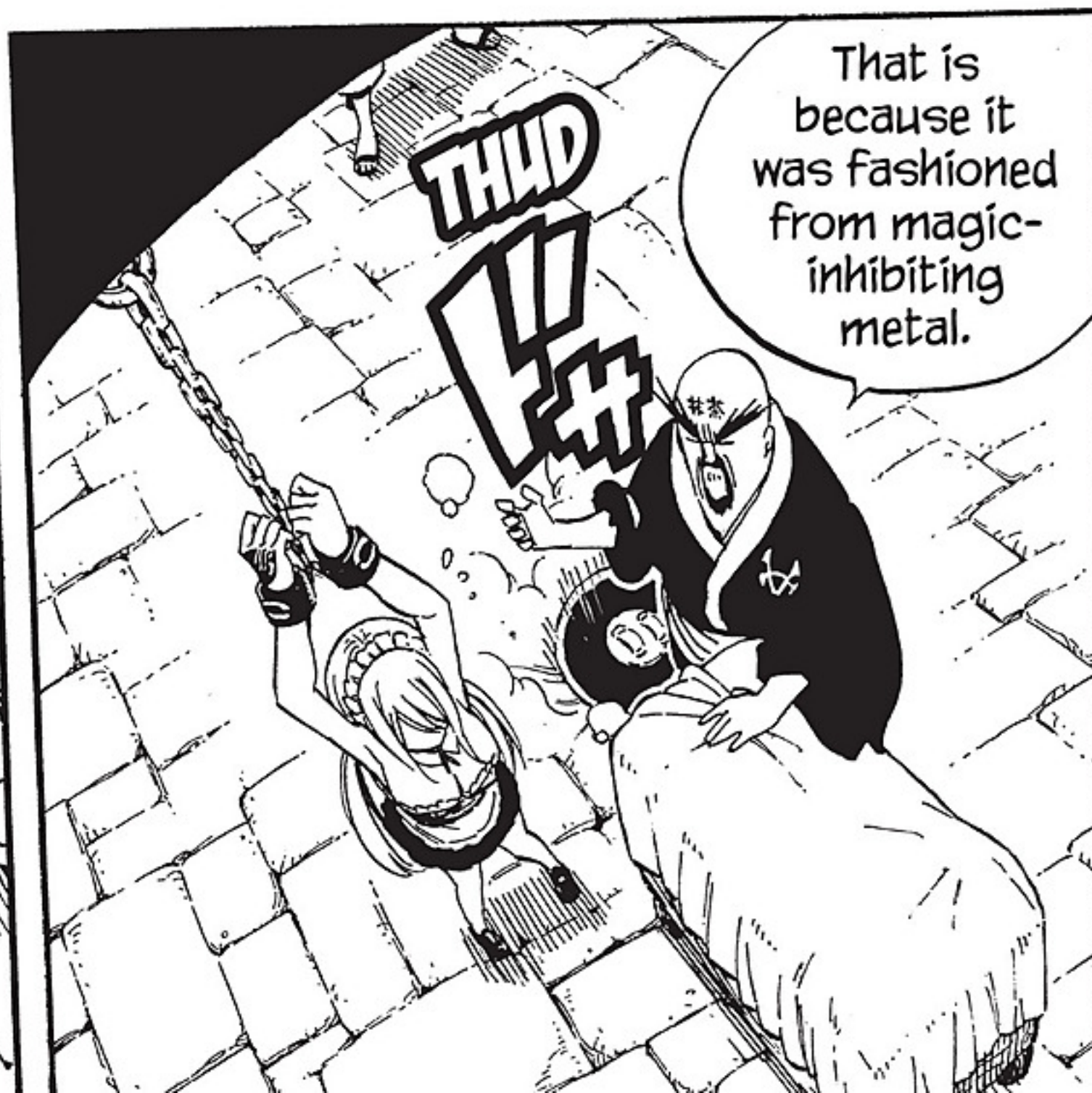
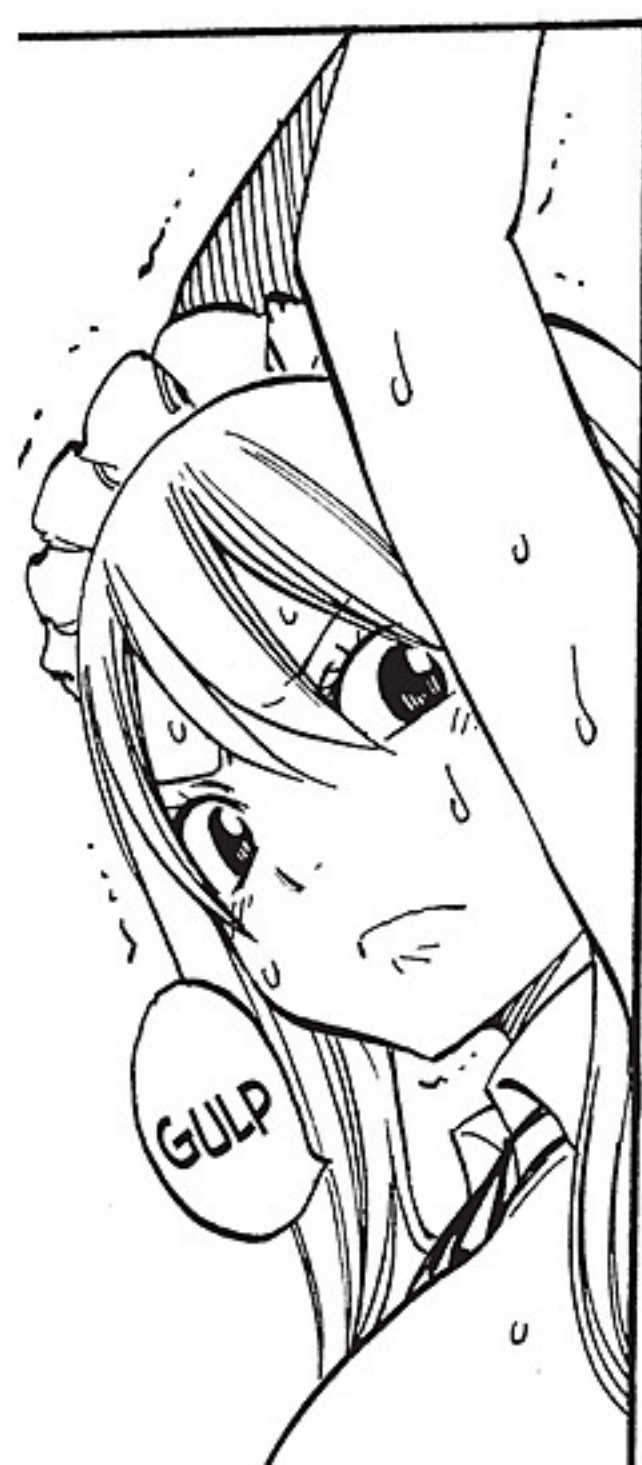
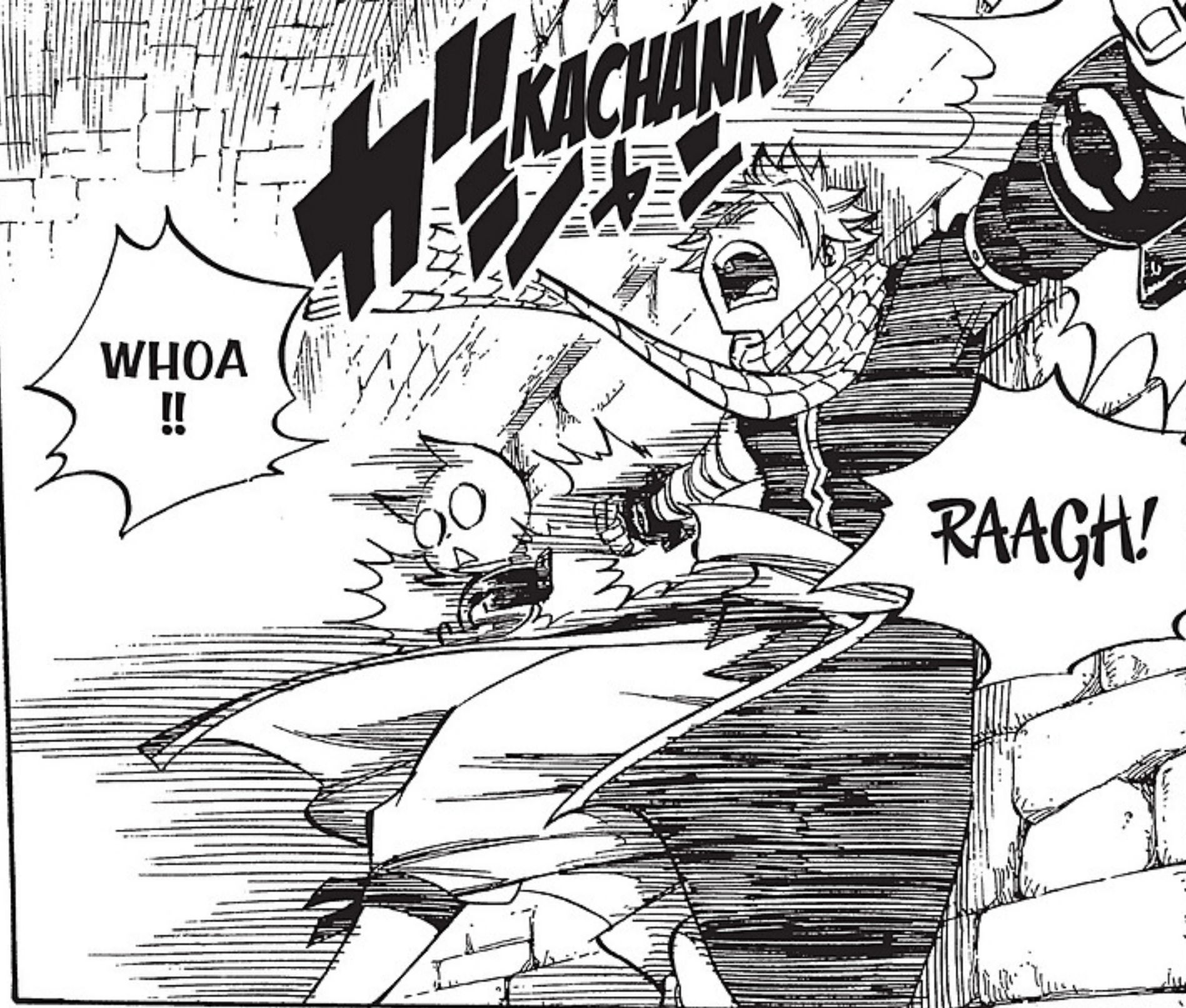
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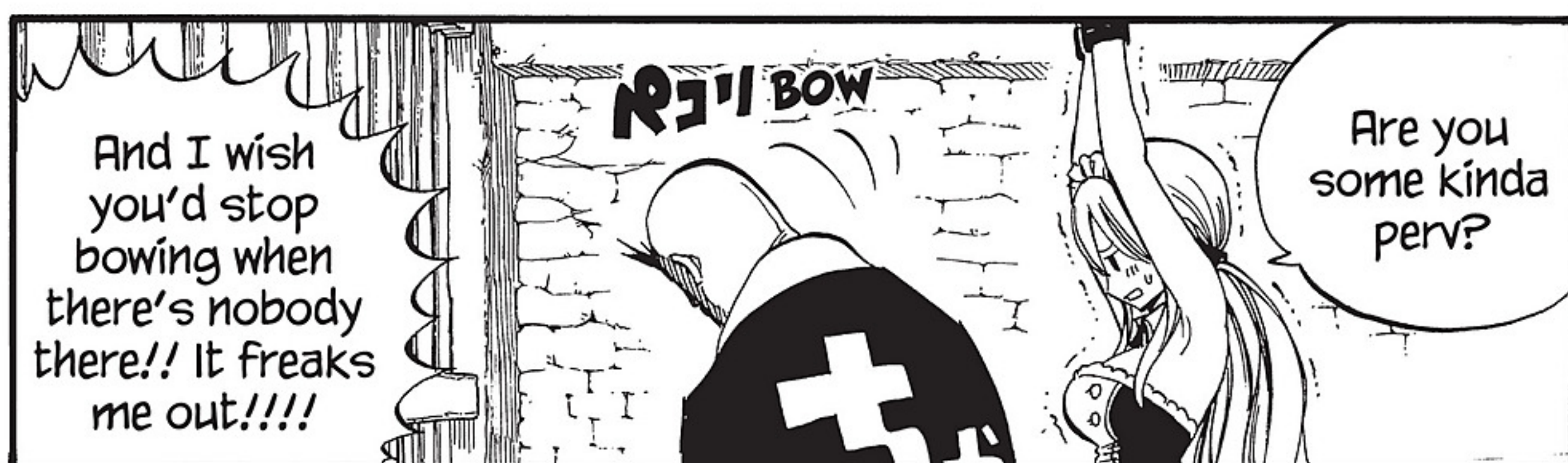














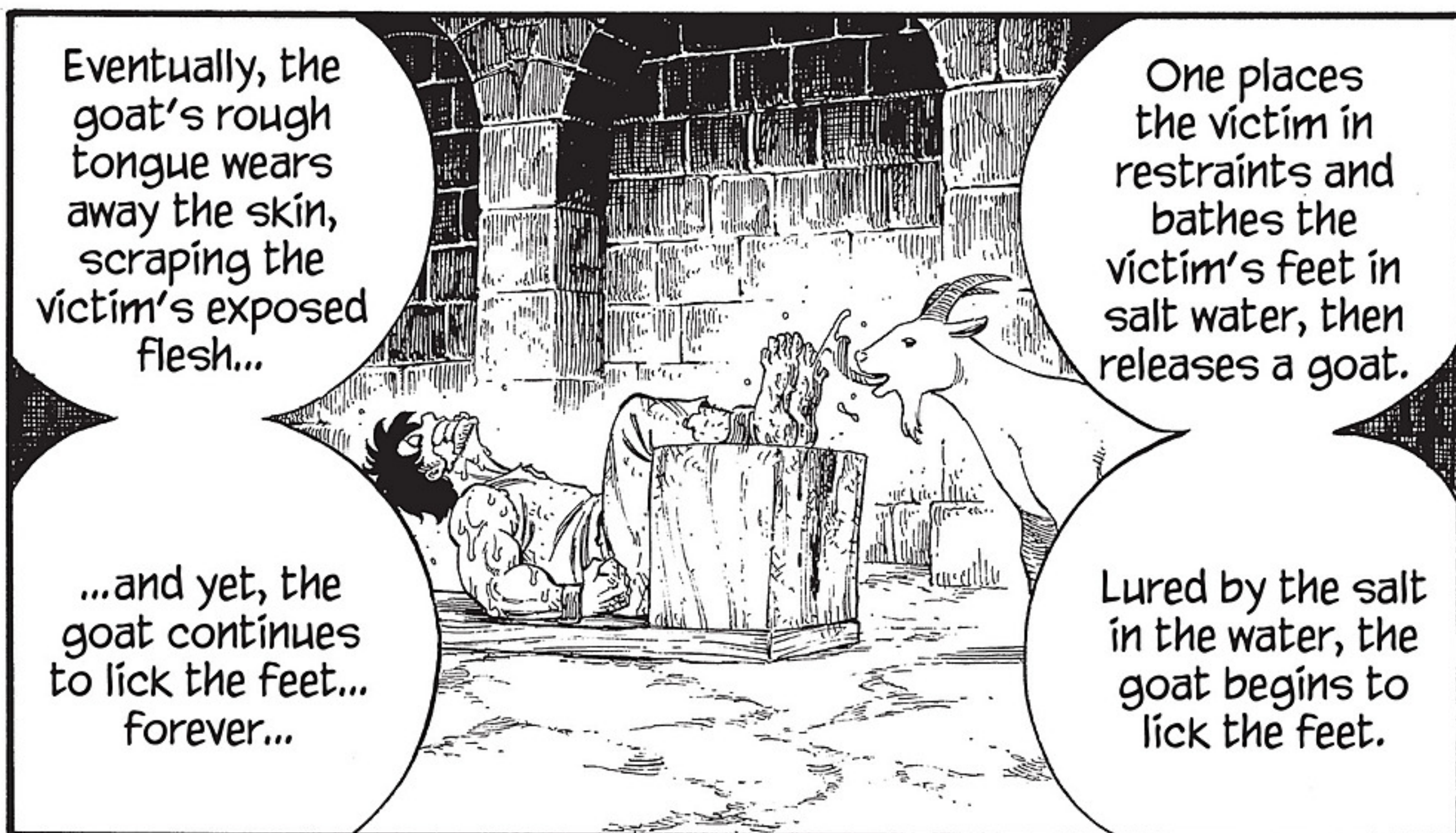
Ah, it appears you have misunderstood the nature of this torture.



No!!

It sounds so wrong!!

Go ahead and do the foot-sole-licking torture!! It sounds like it doesn't hurt that much!!



Eventually, the goat's rough tongue wears away the skin, scraping the victim's exposed flesh...

One places the victim in restraints and bathes the victim's feet in salt water, then releases a goat.

...and yet, the goat continues to lick the feet... forever...

Lured by the salt in the water, the goat begins to lick the feet.



Nooooo !!!

Shall we try it?



That's much worse than it sounded.

SHIVER SHIVER...



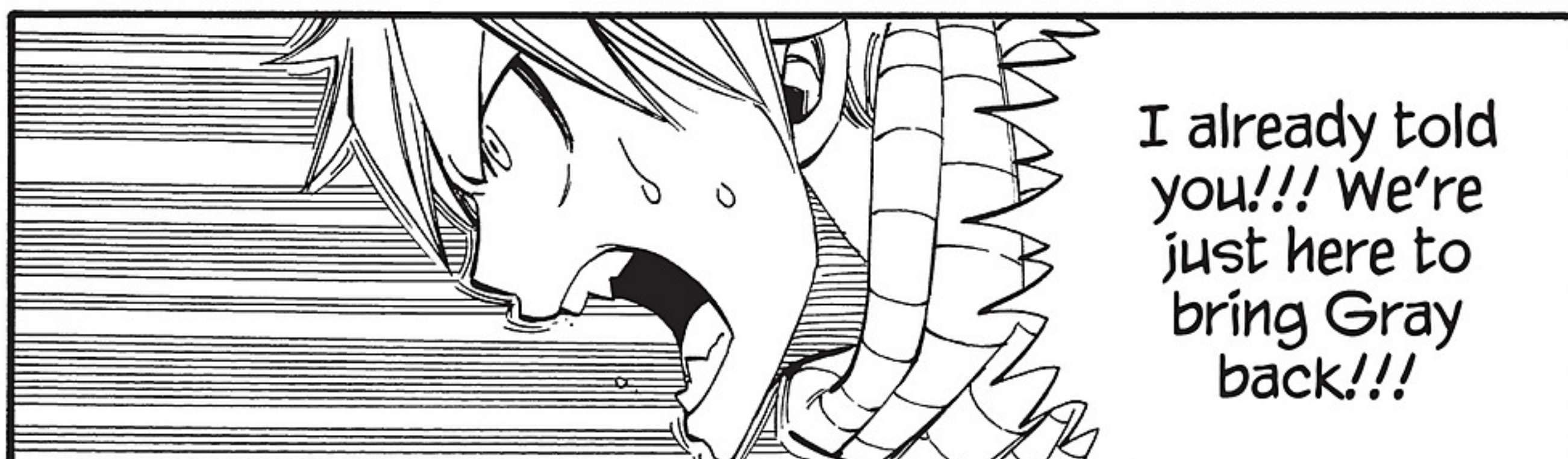
I think
you should
tell me what
brought you
here...



You
little...



...before the
young lady
loses her
feet.

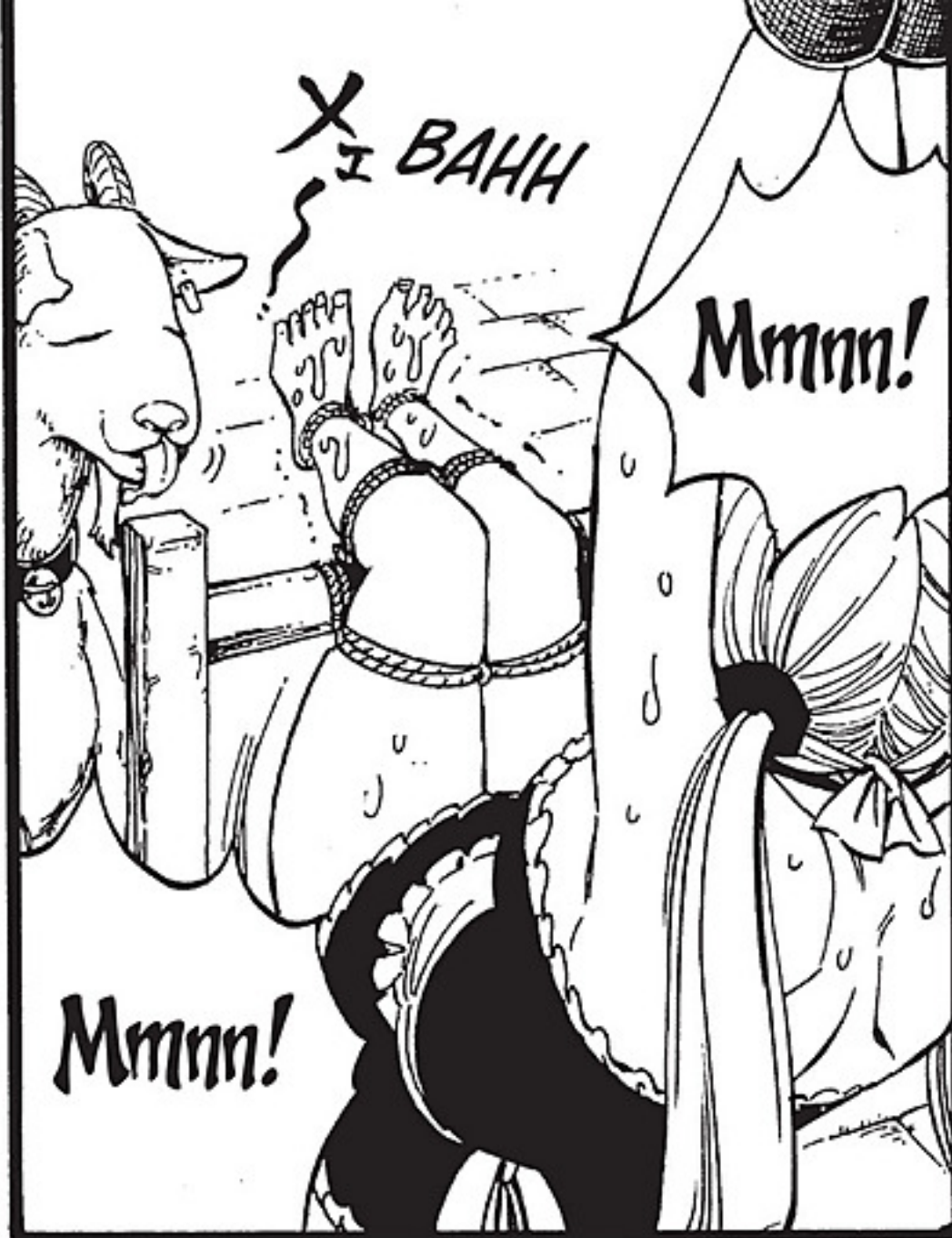


I already told
you!!! We're
just here to
bring Gray
back!!!



He's
one of
us!!

KLENCH



X-I BAHH

Mmmn!

Mmmn!



And
how many
times must
I repeat
myself?

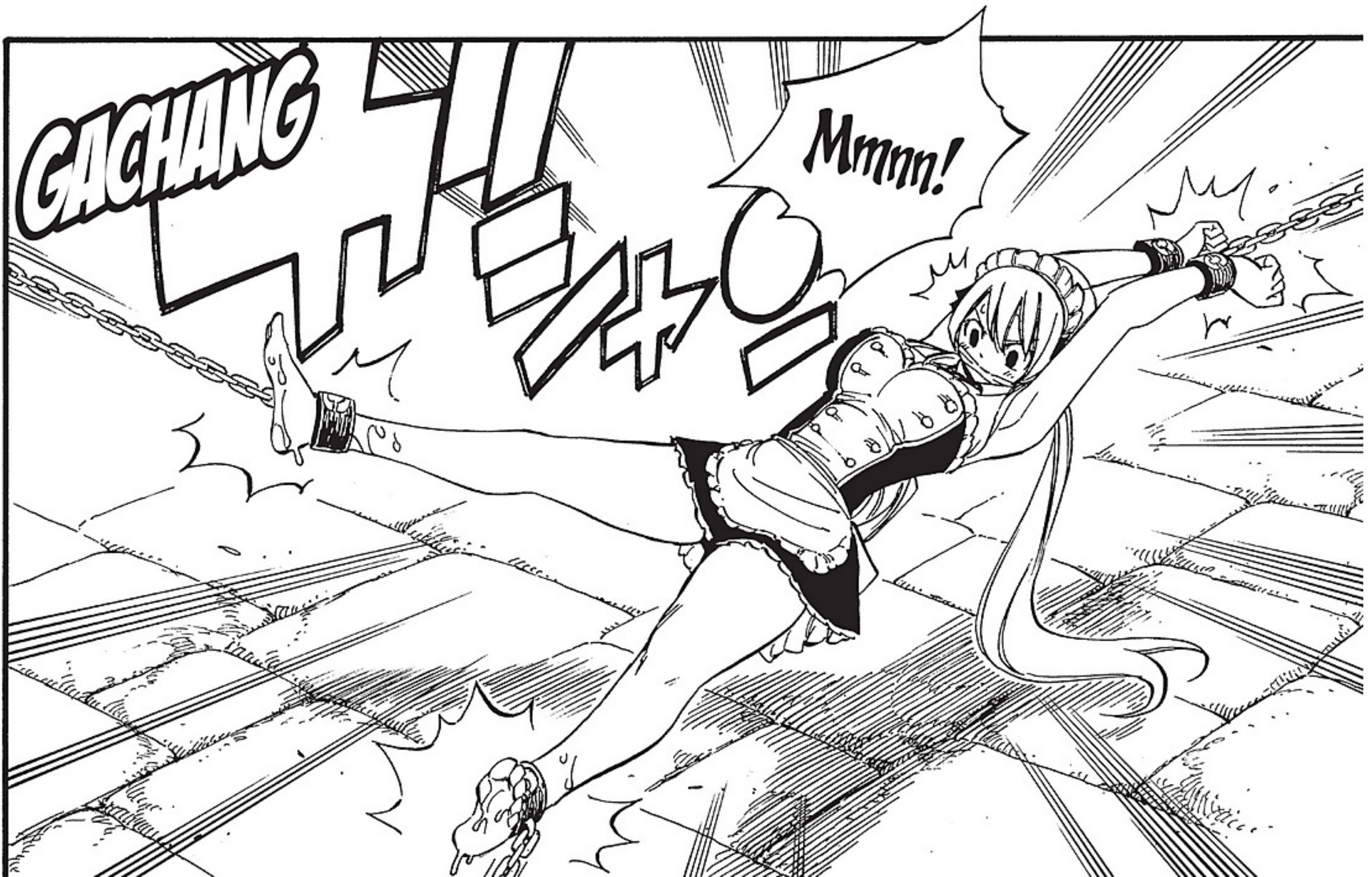
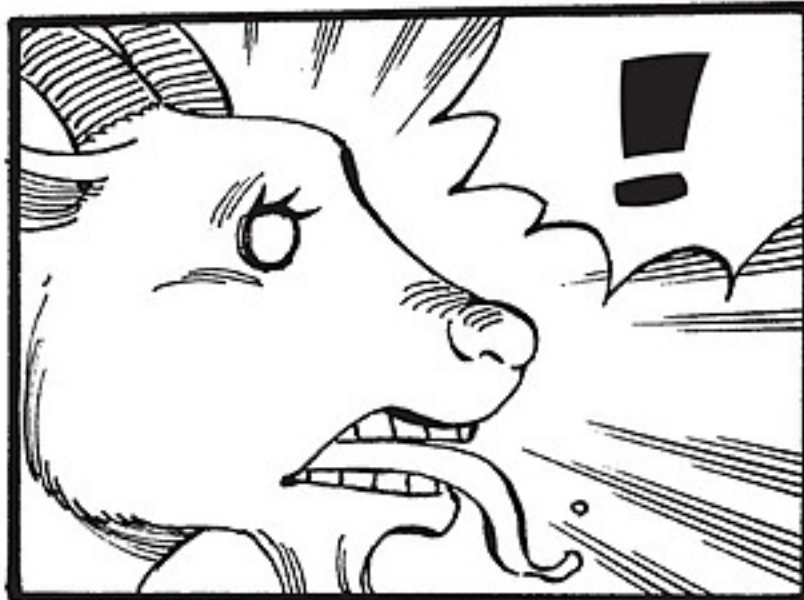
Gray-
dono is
one of us
now!

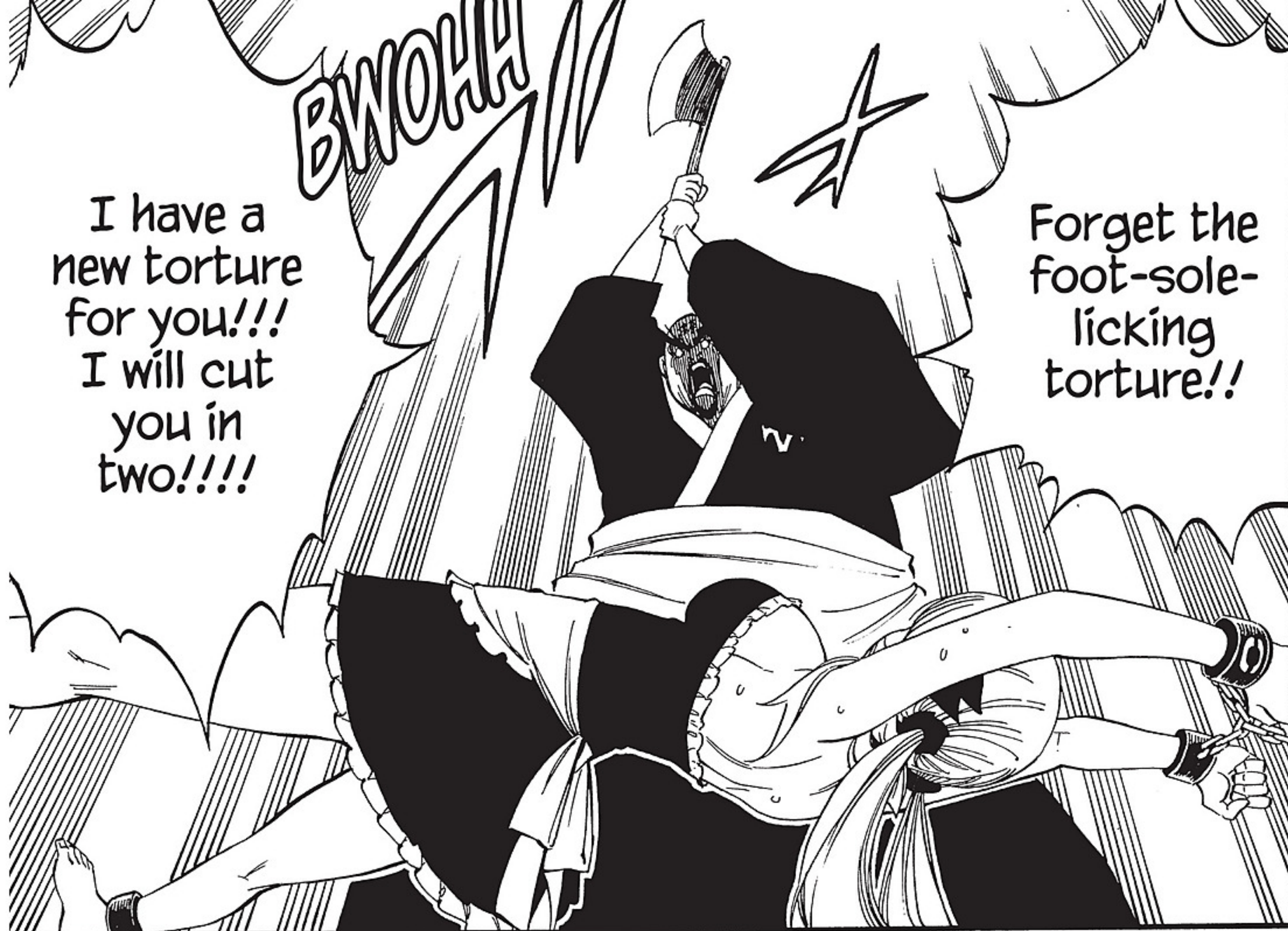


If he's lost
faith in
himself

...

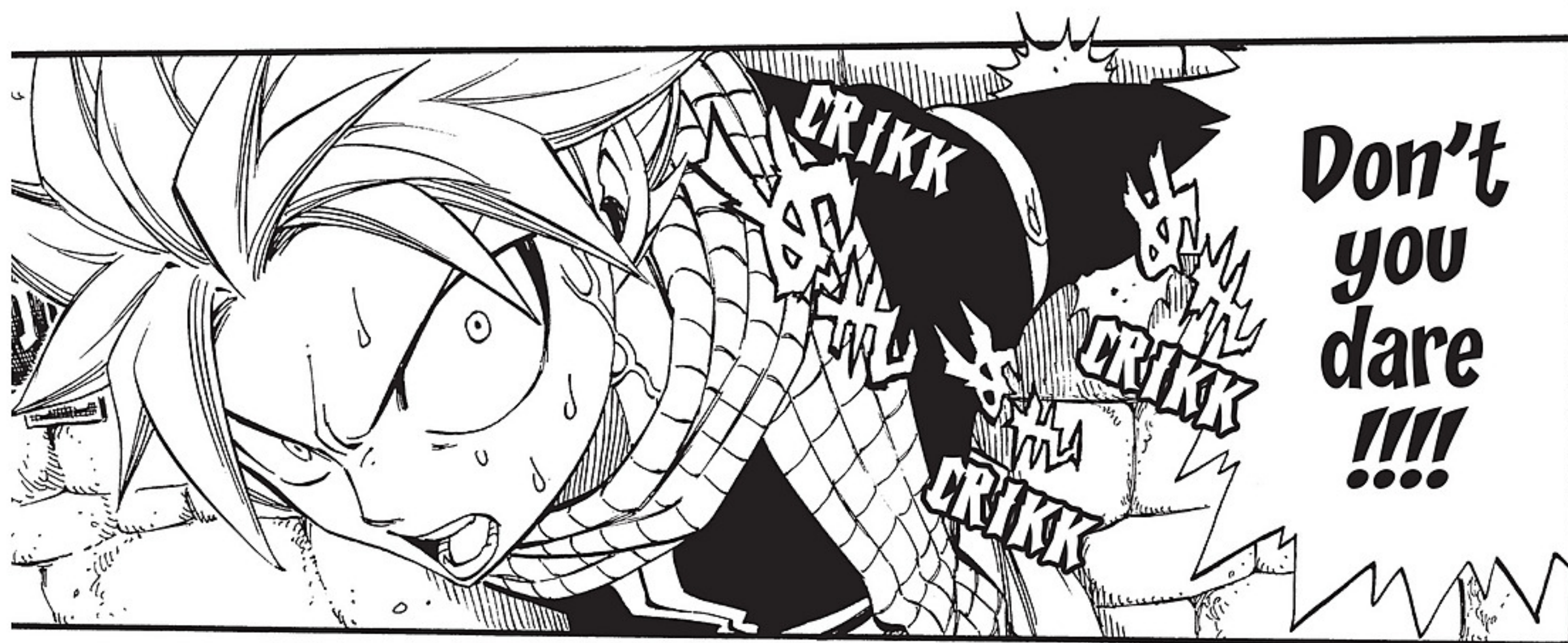
...we'll
believe
in him
instead
!!!



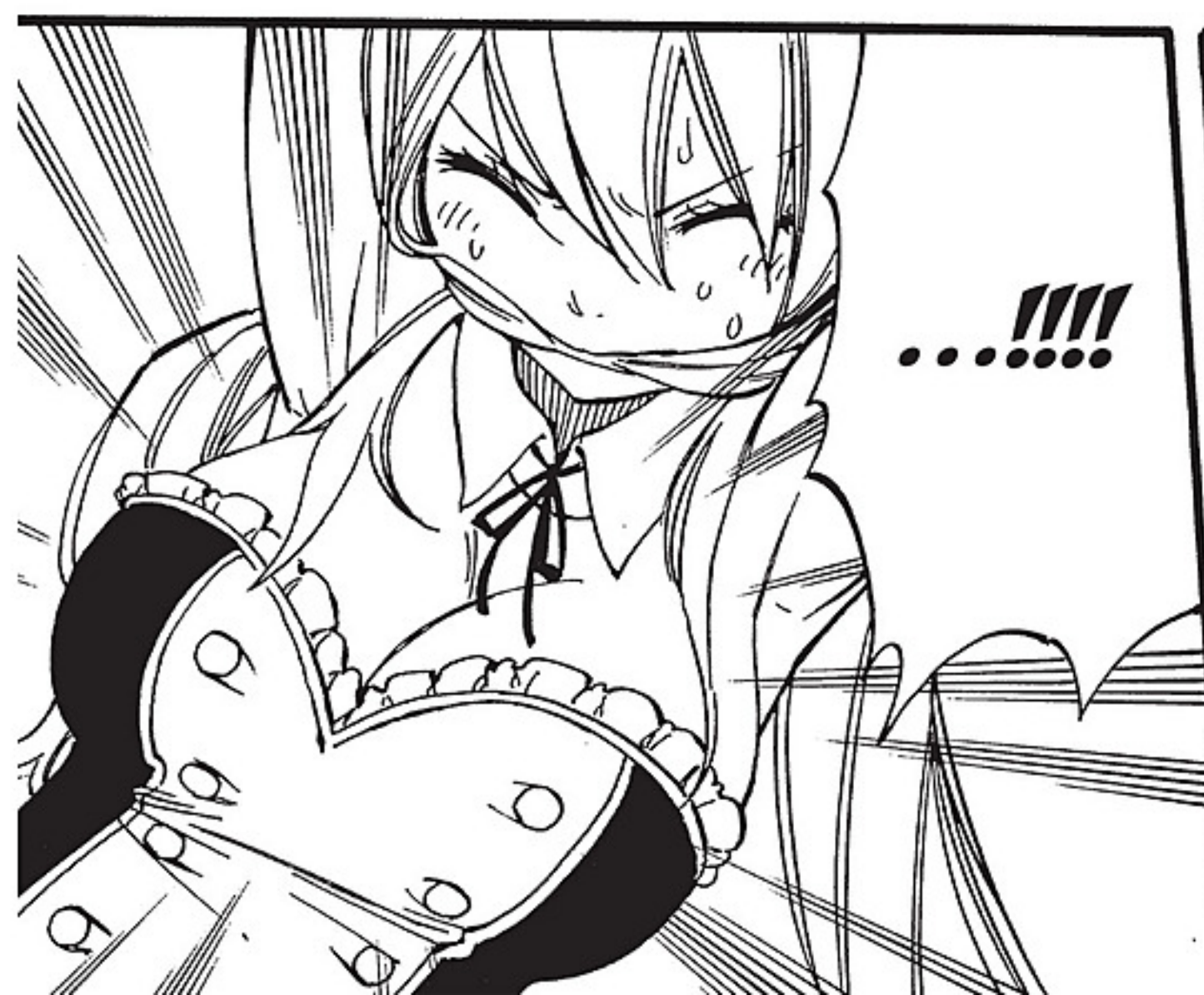


I have a
new torture
for you!!!
I will cut
you in
two!!!!

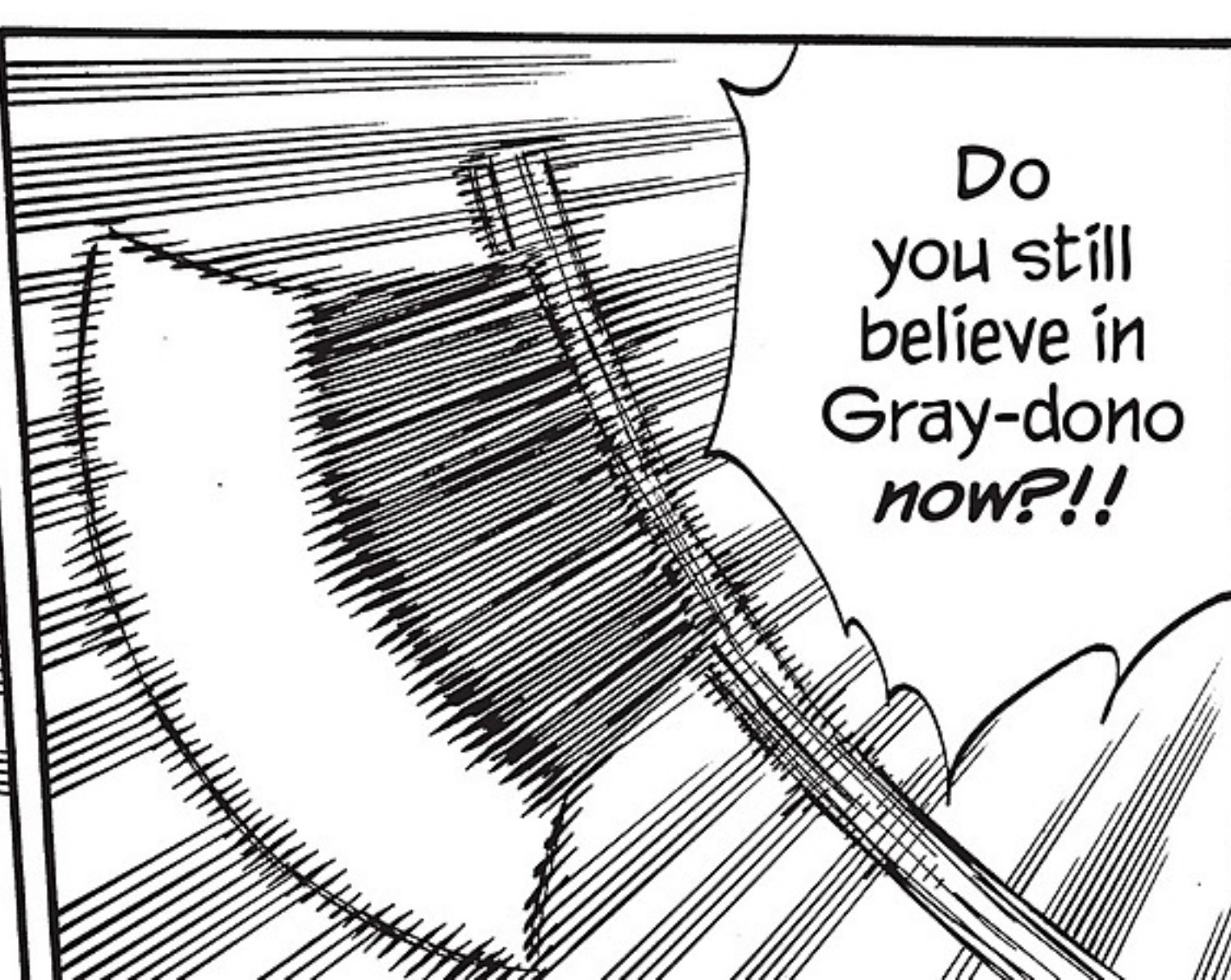
Forget the
foot-sole-
licking
torture!!



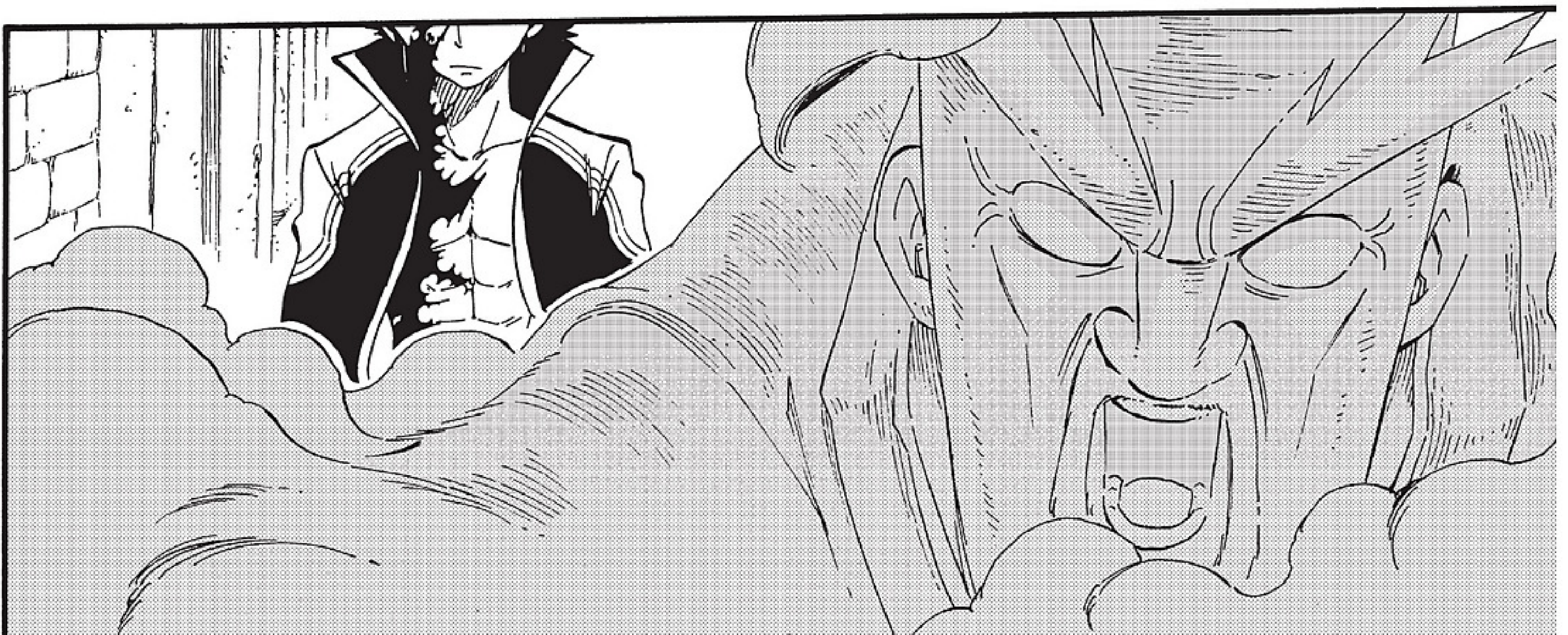
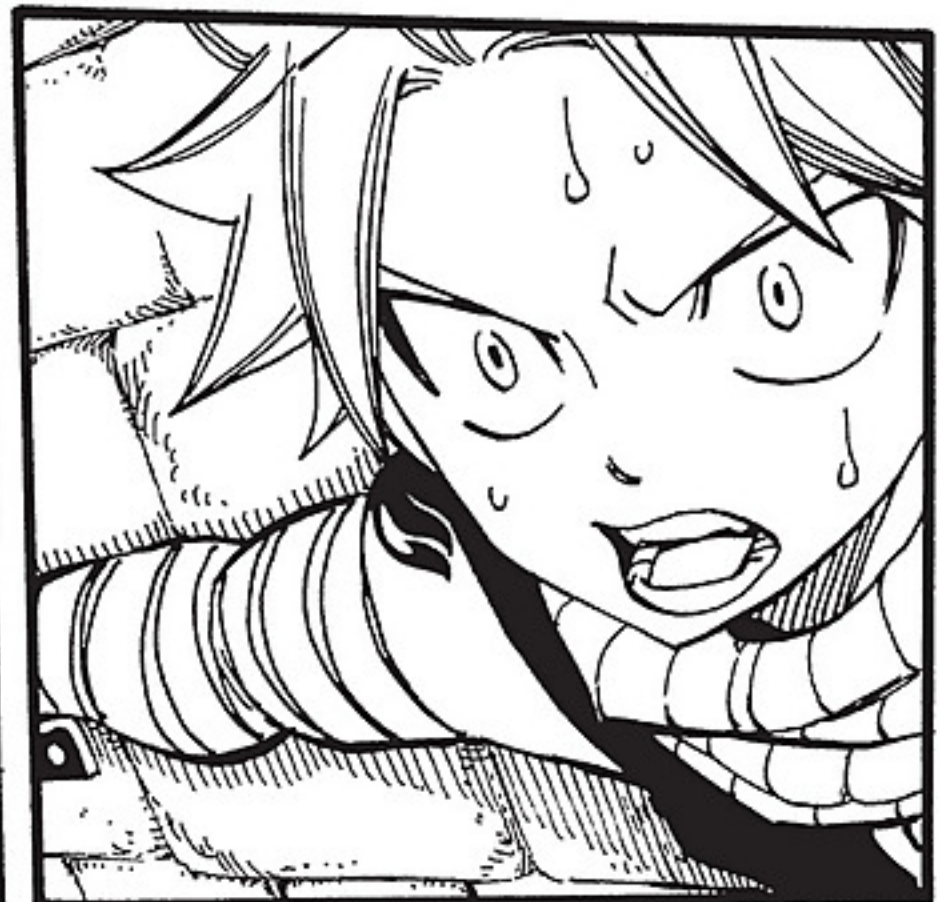
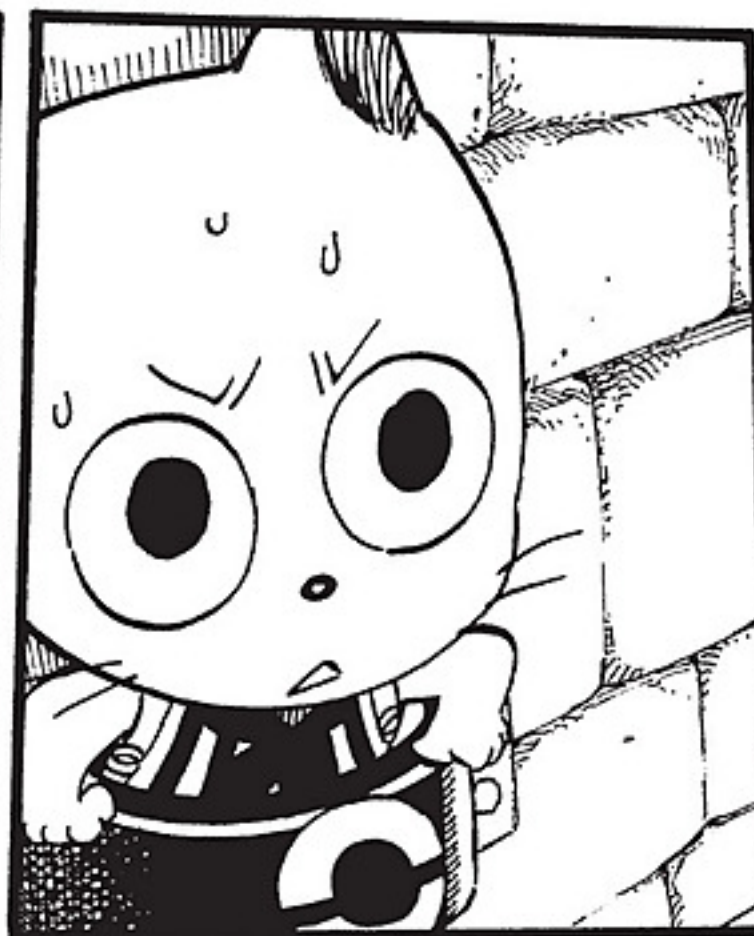
Don't
you
dare
!!!!

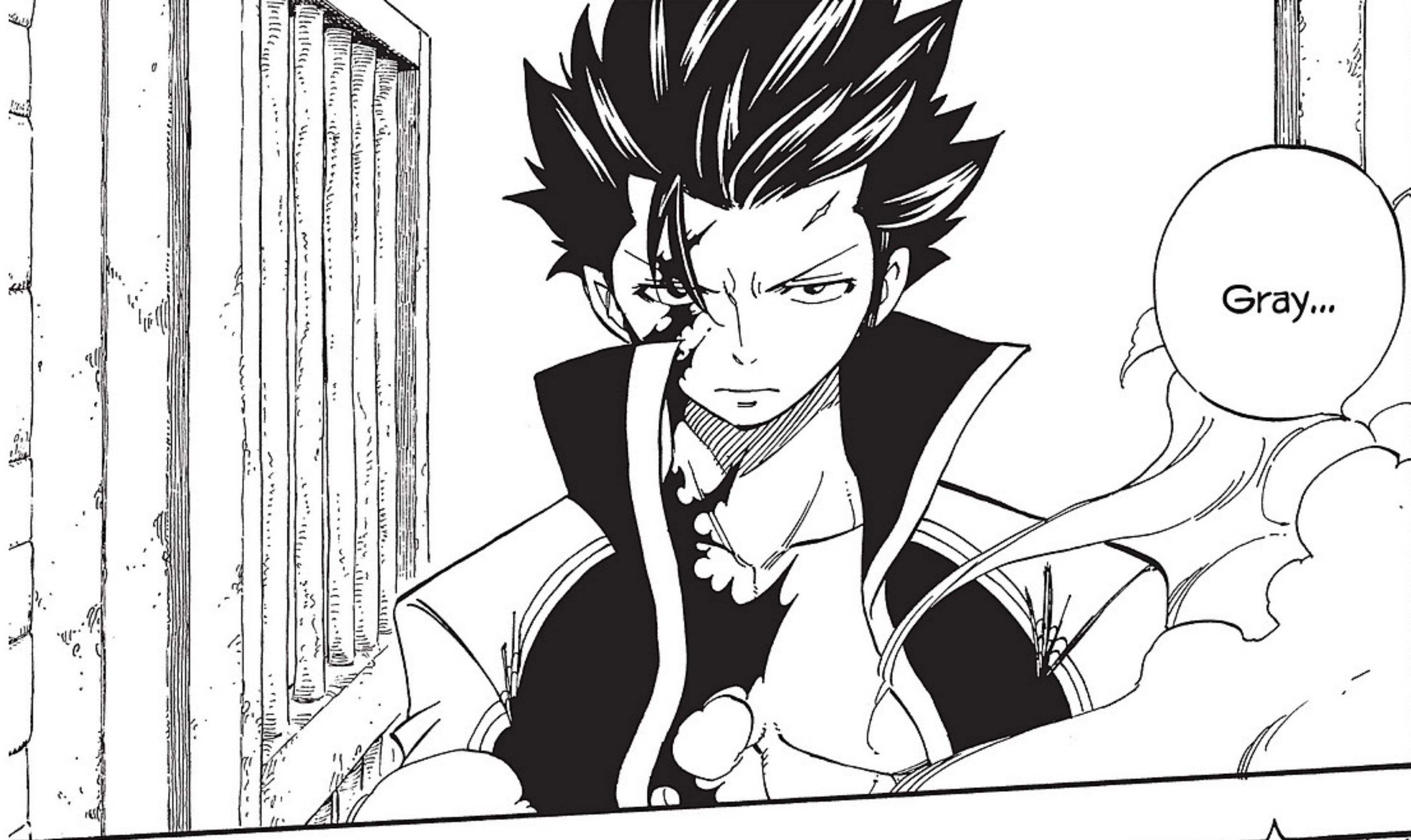


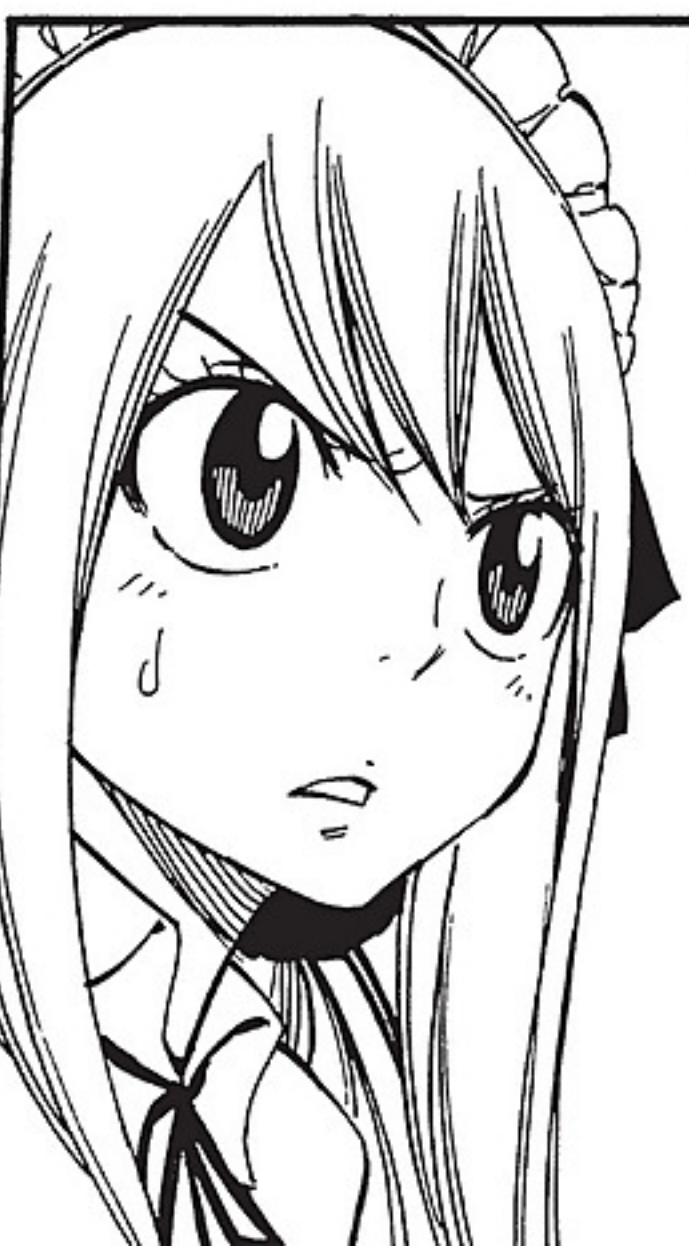
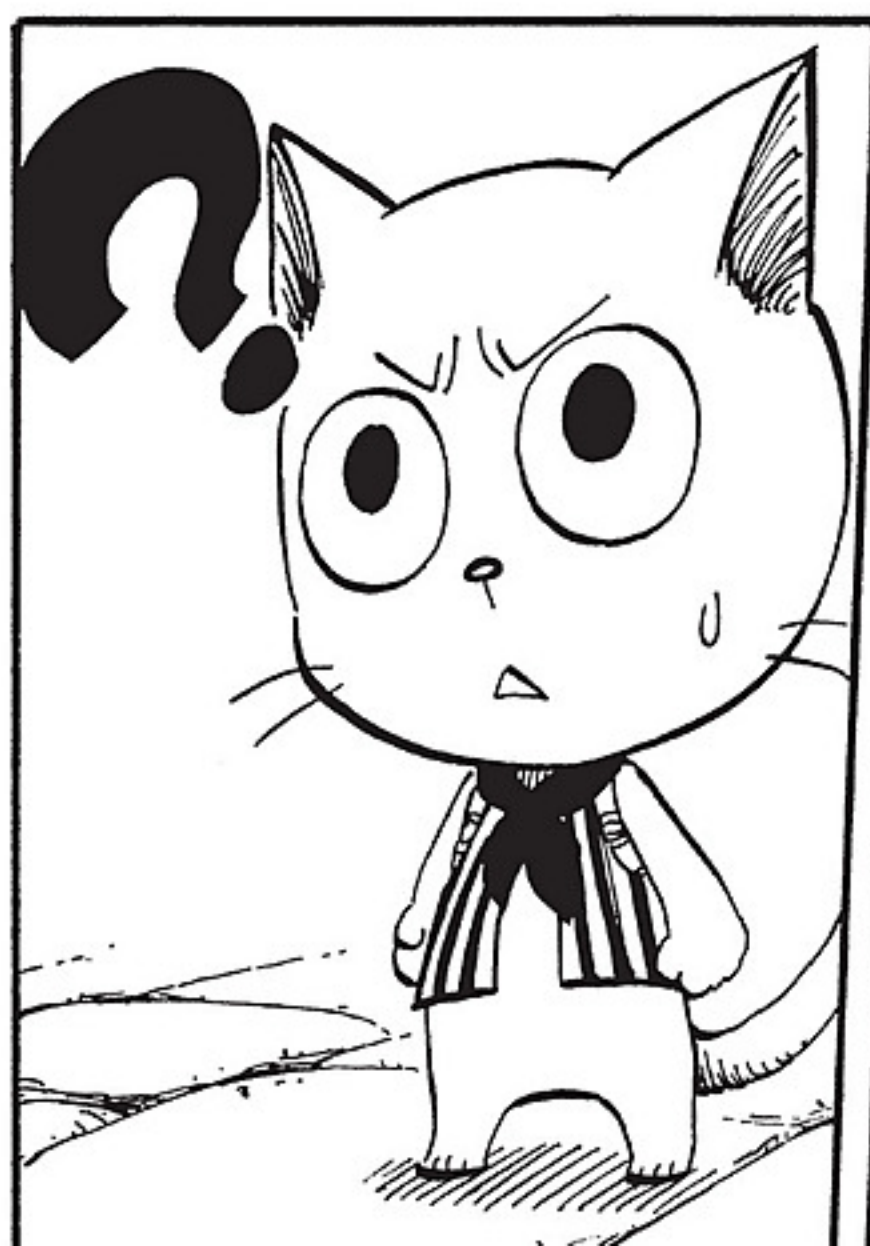
.....!!!!

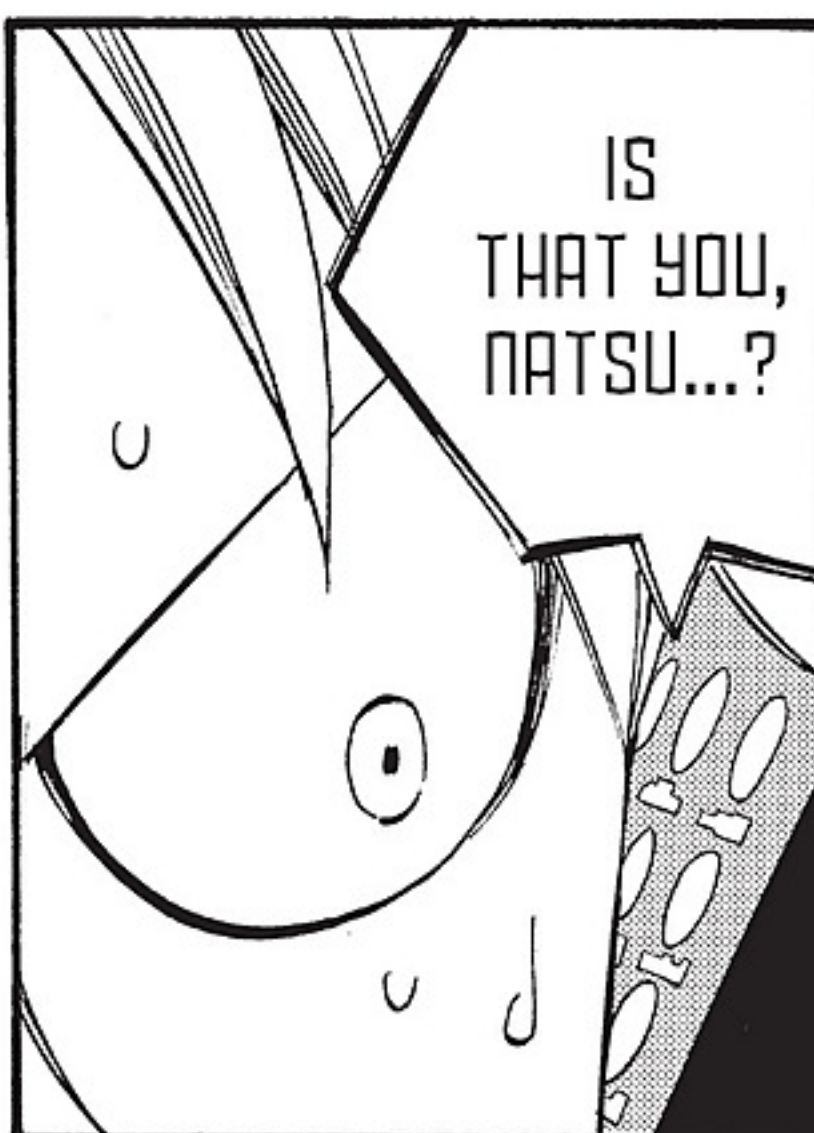
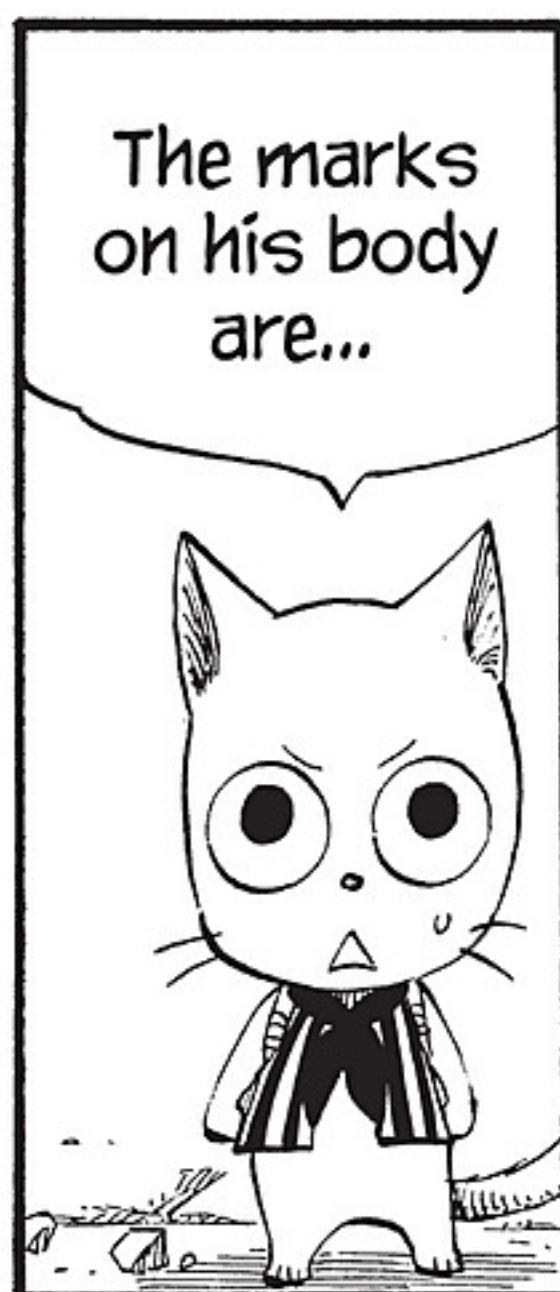


Do
you still
believe in
Gray-dono
now?!!











Oh, for
pity's
sake!

PEEP

You
certainly
spoiled
Gray's
infiltration
plan, didn't
you?

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Let's celebrate!! We've gone 50 volumes!! Clap clap!! The day I said that I would probably end it after 10 volumes seems like forever ago! Fifty volumes!! Well, first, I like to express my thanks to all of you readers. Thank you so much for your unwavering support! The only reason I was able to go 50 volumes is definitely the support of you readers! Thank you so much for reading this manga!!

Next, thank you to the editor!! He came right on board with my never-take-a-holiday style, and he battled right along with me, never taking a break, all this time! When I got stuck trying to come up with the rough story, he'd come in with all kinds of advice. When I'd get a little down, he'd inspire me! I really appreciate him every day.

And a big thank you to everyone in the editorial department who supported me!

Also there's my staff, who work under terrible workloads without a word of complaint! They're great friends! They don't just fill in backgrounds, they love Fairy Tail too, and help me out with all kinds of story ideas! You people don't know how grateful I am!

Then there are my family, friends, people connected with the anime, games, and merchandise!! Tons of gratitude their way!! Well, everybody! Thank you!!

According to what I've heard, this 50th volume brings my page count to a total of 9,487 pages. Which means that in three more volumes, I'll have passed 10,000 pages!! Well, I'm going to keep giving it everything I got. So please, everybody, keep cheering me on!!

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



What with one thing and another, I was at 50 volumes before I really knew it. And it's all thanks to you!

I'm as surprised as anyone that it went on this long!

And from now on, too...
If you'd patiently watch over me, it'd make me happier than anything else I can imagine!



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Thanks for all your support!

Hiro
NASHIMA.

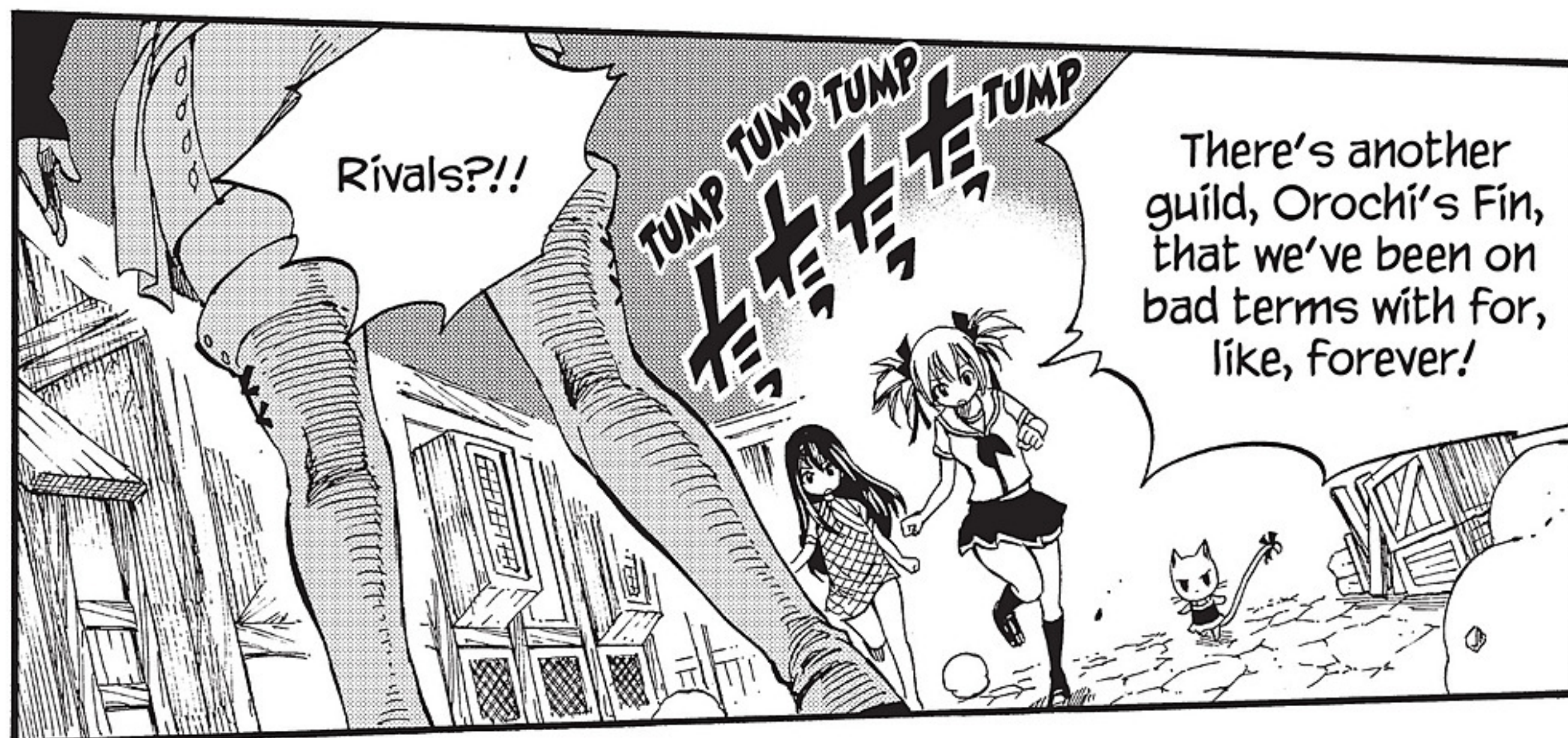
Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 18,

Orochi's Fin

Yamata no Orochi is the eight-headed, eight-tailed serpent of Japanese legends. The *Nihon Shoki* (*Chronicles of Ancient Japan*) uses *kanji* for it that translate out to the "Giant Snake of Yamata." It was a maiden-devouring serpent from ancient legends that was slain by the expelled god Susanoo. There are quite a few snake references here, including not only the Viper Inn, but also Lamia Scale itself. Lamia is a woman out of Greek legend who was transformed by a jealous Hera into a half-woman, half-snake monstrosity who devours children.



Page 121,

Gômon

The *kanji* for Gômon's name mean "excellent" and "gate," but when different *kanji* are used, gômon means "torture." This will become important in a few pages.

Page 129,

Mikage Forest

Although no kanji is given for Mikage, the term is used for a Buddhist deity, but it also a term for a god of death.



Page 145,

Iron maiden

Perhaps most people know the phrase as the name of the British metal band, but they got the name from a torture device. Though it might have been a real torture device, experts now believe it was more likely a hoax created in the late 1700s. Apparently, sources describing it only date back to 1793. The Japanese letters on the iron maiden in the manga are "*tetsu no okame*." *Tetsu* means "iron," and an *okame* is a traditional Japanese mask depicting a round-faced young woman. So it would translate out to, "iron maiden mask."



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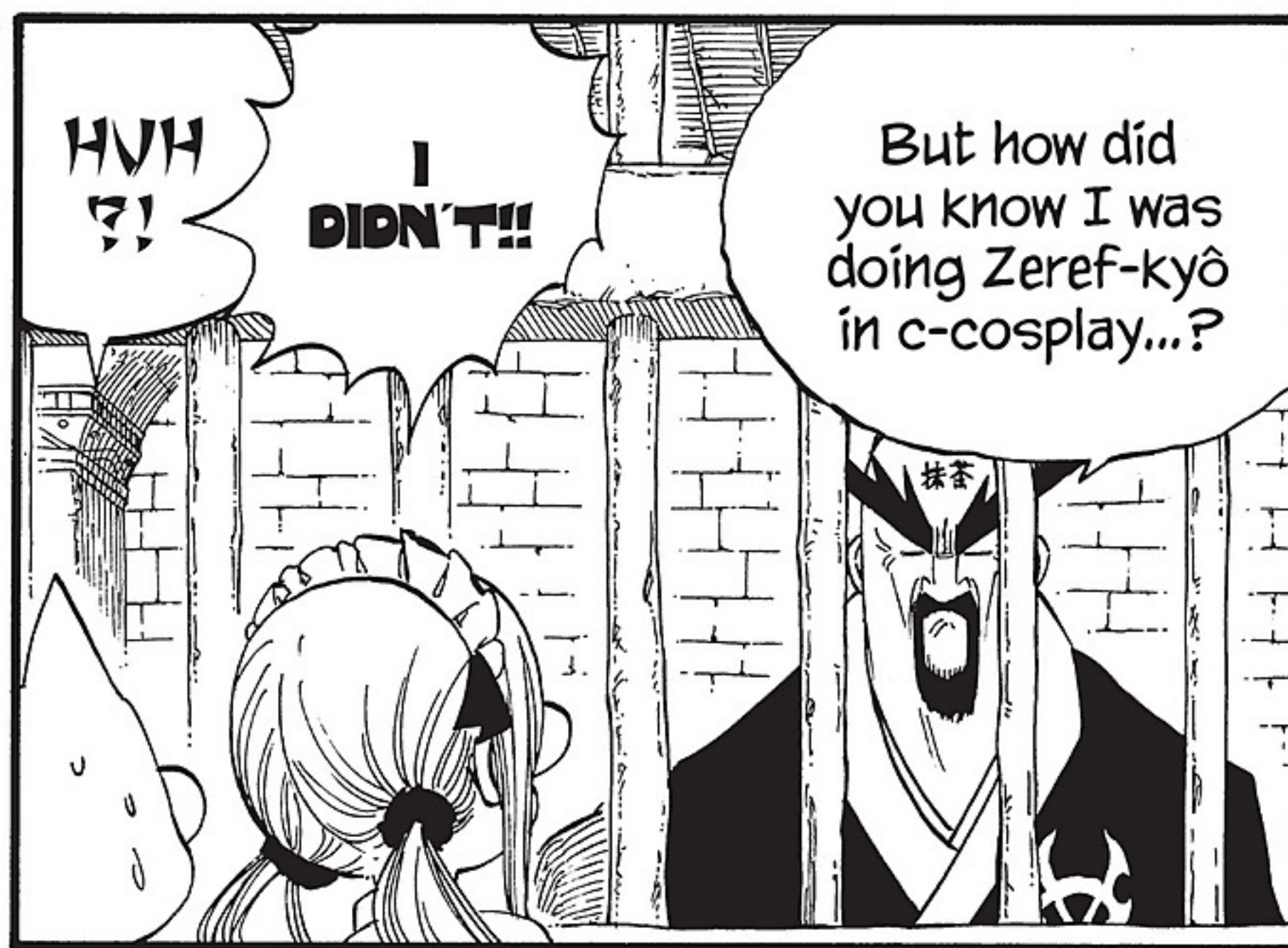
-dono

As described in the notes way back in Volume 16, "*-dono*" is an archaic honorific that is much like "*-sama*," which is used for Japanese lords.

Page 177,

Zeref-kyô

Like *-dono*, *-kyô* is also an archaic honorific that is not used today, but is still well known to the Japanese. *-kyô* is also a respectful honorific, but it shows an even higher level of respect than *-dono*.

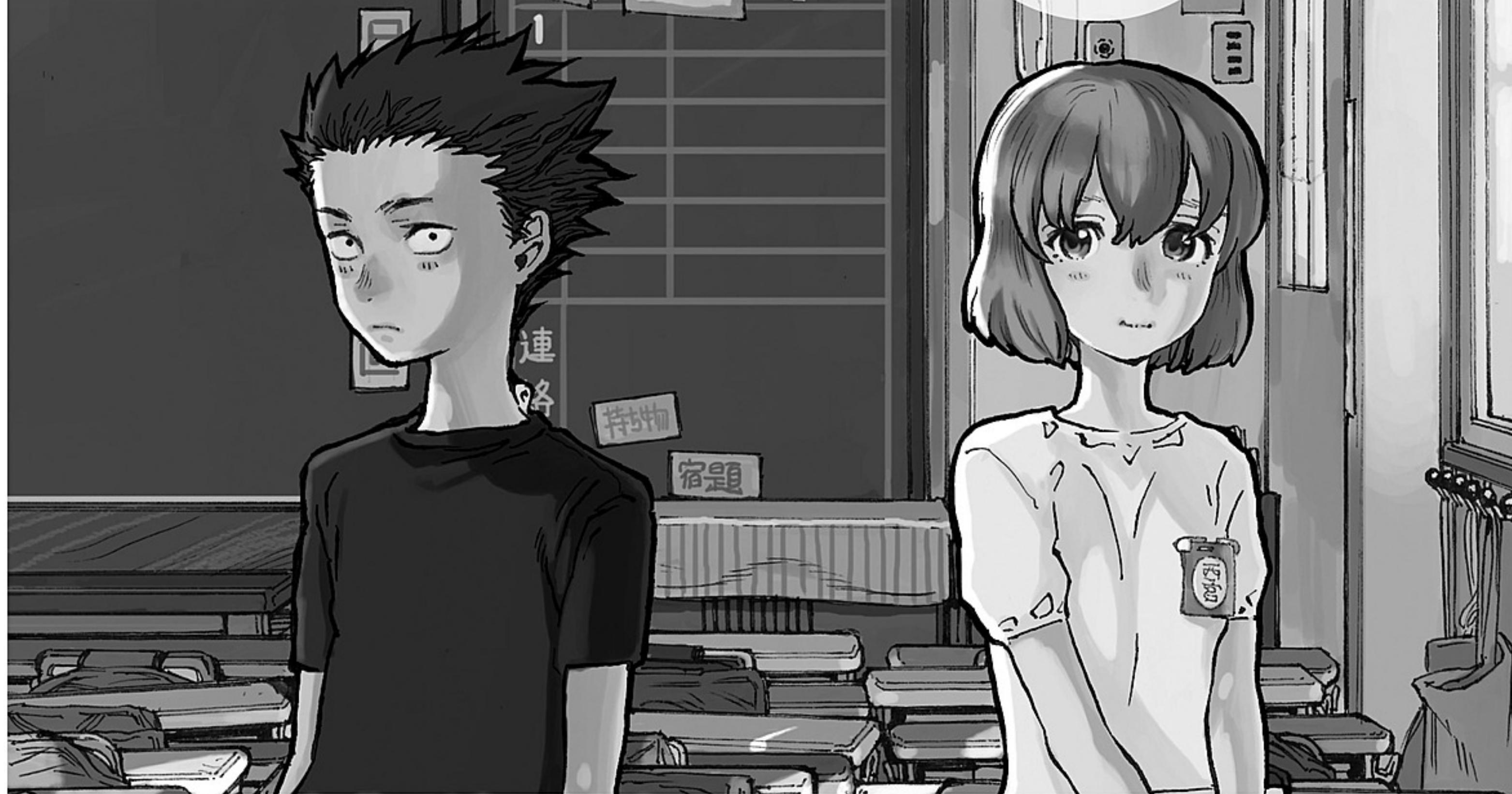


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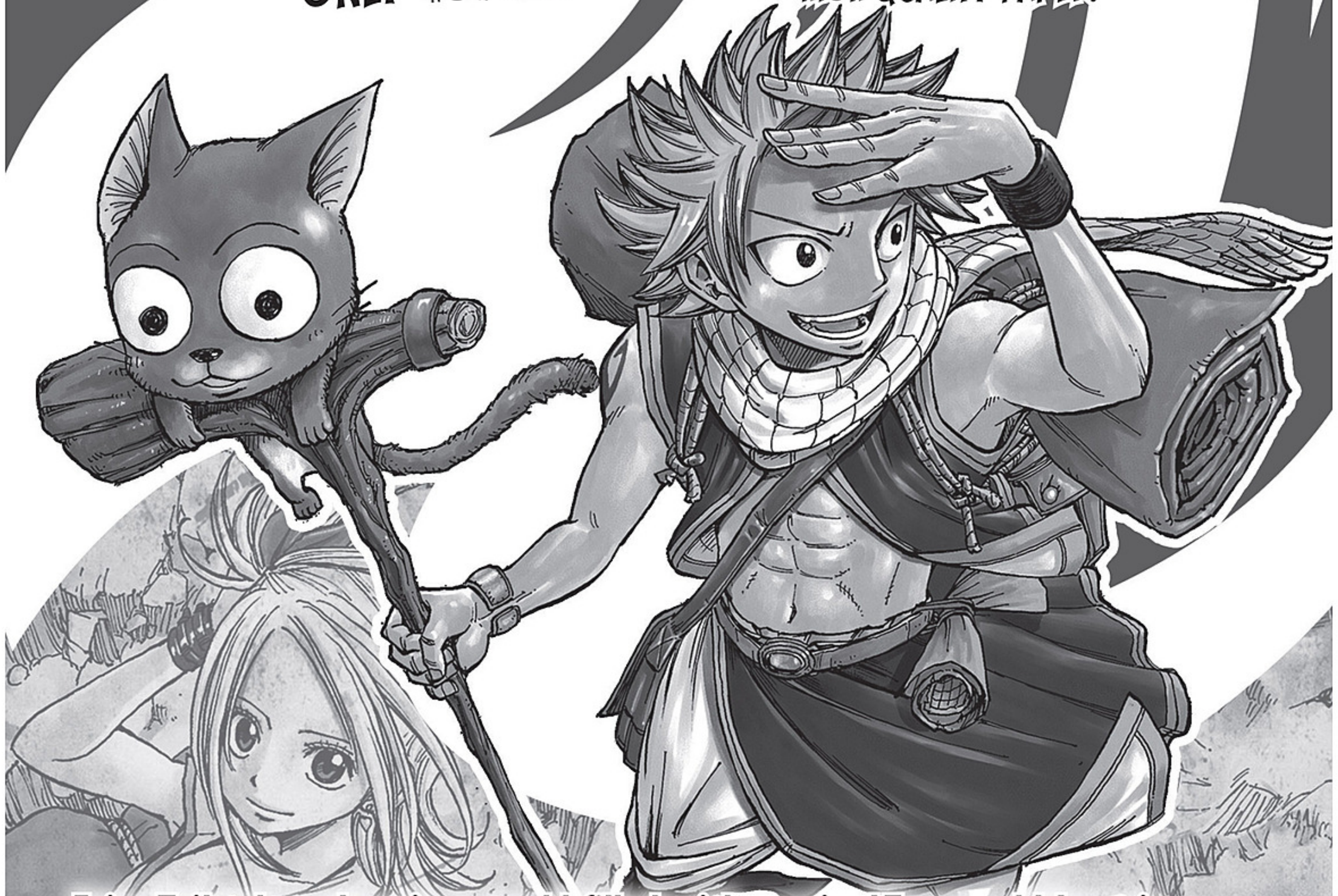
Shoya is a bully. When Shoko, a girl who can't hear, enters his elementary school class, she becomes their favorite target, and Shoya and his friends goad each other into devising new tortures for her. But the children's cruelty goes too far. Shoko is forced to leave the school, and Shoya ends up shouldering all the blame. Six years later, the two meet again. Can Shoya make up for his past mistakes, or is it too late?

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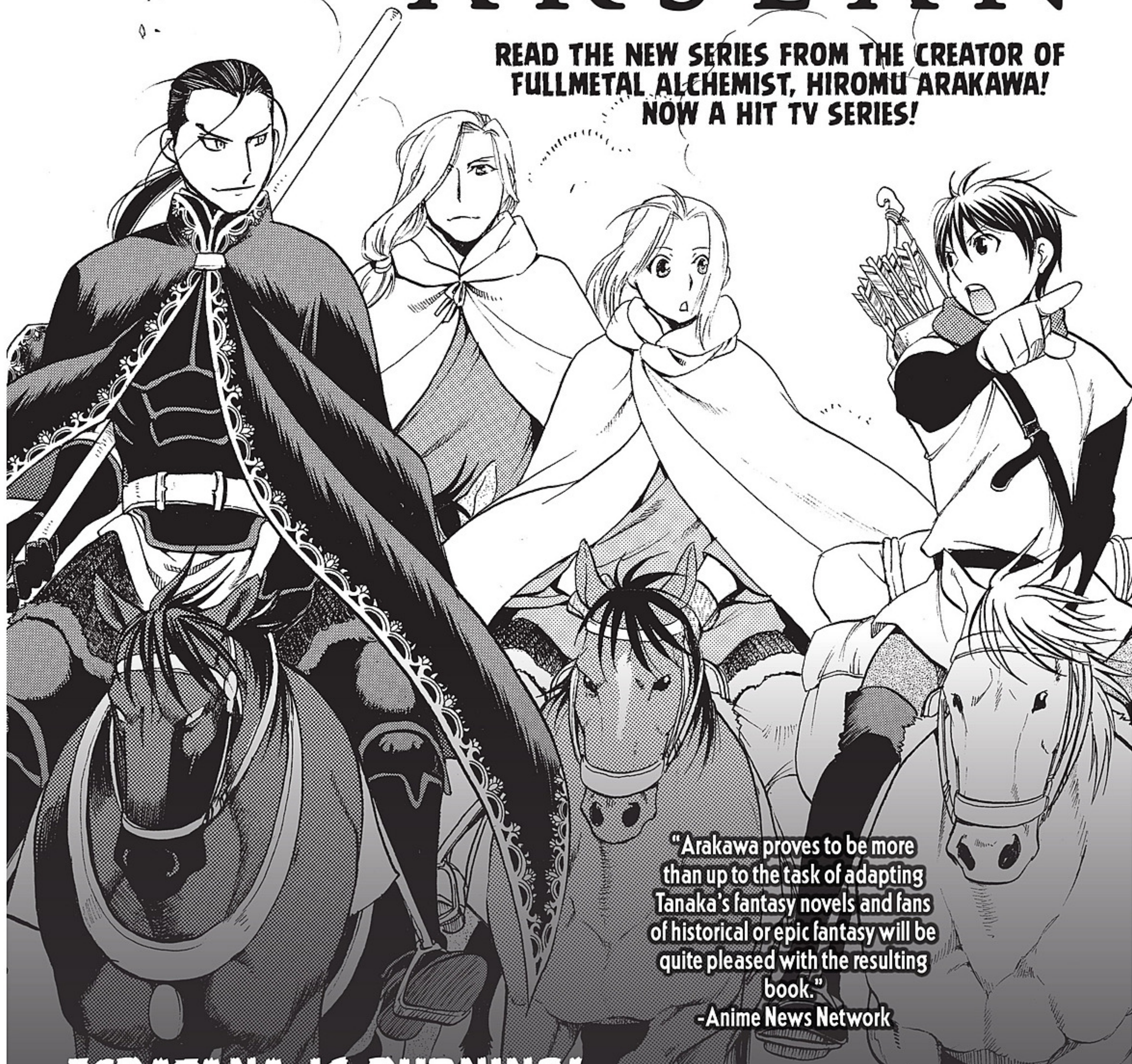
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